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NOTIFICATION

**Africa Regional Training Workshop related to national arrangements on traditional knowledge for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
8 - 12 October 2018 – Marrakech, Morocco**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, jointly with the Government of Morocco, is organizing a regional training workshop for the Africa region in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme Morocco Office, the Indigenous Information Network, and the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee, to be held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 8 to 12 October 2018.

This workshop is made possible thanks to the generous financial support of the Government of Japan, through its Japan Biodiversity Fund, and the United Nations Environment Programme Morocco Office.

The aim of the workshop is to train the trainers from indigenous peoples and local community organizations and Parties, to develop possible elements for national action plans for traditional knowledge that contain arrangements to fulfil obligations concerning:

- a. Traditional knowledge in accordance with Article 8(j) of the Convention; and
- b. Traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources under the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.

The workshop will also support the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 16 (Nagoya Protocol) and 18 (traditional knowledge) of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

As an outcome of the workshop, Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities will be able to develop possible elements for national action plans on traditional knowledge in order to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and contribute to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 by 2020. It will also contribute to a better understanding of the traditional knowledge elements of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (articles 5, 6, 7, 12, 18 and 19) and to achieve them effectively in the national context.

I am therefore pleased to invite interested Parties, particularly Parties that have nominated National Focal Points for Traditional Knowledge, and indigenous peoples and local communities in the Africa region, to nominate a representative based on the following selection criteria:

- (i) Expertise on traditional knowledge, customary sustainable use, and related indigenous peoples and local communities' issues; and

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(ii) Interest to work on the development of a national plan of action on traditional knowledge, including the identification of national priority actions to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and contribute to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

In the weeks leading up to the workshop, the selected participants will be requested to:

- (i) Prepare a document on the status of traditional knowledge in their countries in relation to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 16 and 18 including the identified priority actions for their achievement. Participants may present related case studies at the workshop; and
- (ii) Take the online course on “National arrangements on traditional knowledge for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020” available in due course at <https://scbd.unssc.org/>.

Nominations should take the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, sent by e-mail at: secretariat@cbd.int, or by fax at: +1 (514) 288-6588, and must contain full contact details of the nominee, along with a curriculum vitae clearly indicating the relevant areas of expertise, as well as the duly completed form available at <https://goo.gl/LU5sSy>. Nominations should be submitted no later than **18 May 2018**.

The Secretariat, in collaboration with partner organizations, will select participants on the basis of regional balance, gender equity, relevant expertise, and ability to contribute to the development of national action plans on traditional knowledge. Information about the workshop, including the list of selected participants, will be posted on the CBD website at: <https://www.cbd.int/tk/cb/training/africa.shtml>. Subject to the availability of funds, the Secretariat will cover travel expenses of selected participants. Selected participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary