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NOTIFICATION

Seminar on transformational change for the biodiversity agenda

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite Parties and observers participating in the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 22) and the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 2) to attend a seminar on transformational change for the biodiversity agenda. The half-day seminar will be convened on the morning of 8 July 2018, prior to the opening of SBI 2.

The seminar builds upon the *Bogis-Bosey Dialogues on Biodiversity*¹ and provides an opportunity among a wider group of participants from all Parties and observers to share insights on issues addressed at the *Dialogues*. The event seeks to present and exchange views, while contributing to the discussions on transformational change for biodiversity in the lead-up to 2020 and the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity agenda. As part of the seminar, presentations will be given by Professor Derk Loorbach from the Dutch Research Institute for Transitions, Mr. Halldór Thorgeirsson from the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and Mr. Dominic Waughray from the World Economic Forum.

As you are aware, the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in November 2018 is expected to adopt a plan for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in the context of the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity. Subsequently, the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2020 is expected to consider a post-2020 global biodiversity framework for adoption. It is anticipated that the discussions during the seminar will help to inform and generate an exchange of views on issues relating to the preparations for these meetings. The seminar also responds, in part, to SBSTTA recommendation XXI/1 in which the Executive Secretary was requested to make provisions for sound analytical work when preparing proposals for the process of developing a post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Representatives from Parties and observers who wish to participate in the seminar are requested to inform the Secretariat by e-mail at: secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at: +1 (514) 288-6588, preferably by 31 May 2018.

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

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Executive Secretary

¹ A summary report of the first *Bogis-Bossey Dialogue for Biodiversity* (Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland, 12–14 November 2017) was [available](#) at SBSTTA 21 as an information document. The report of the second *dialogue* (Chexbres, Switzerland, 4–6 March 2018) will be available as an information document for SBI 2.

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