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NOTIFICATION
Sixth Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments
23 to 24 November 2018, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity wishes to inform Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, and other stakeholders, that the sixth Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments will be held from 23 to 24 November 2018 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, as a parallel event to the 2018 United Nations Biodiversity Conference. The Summit is jointly organized by ICLEI — Local Governments for Sustainability and the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development, in cooperation with the Government of Egypt, the South Sinai Governorate and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Under the theme of “Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Urban and Regional Development”, the Summit will address key issues relevant to the Conference agenda, including sustainable infrastructure, low carbon energy solutions, and healthy cities. Other topics will include the coordination and vertical alignment of biodiversity strategies and action plans across levels of government, mitigation of impacts of urban expansion on biodiversity, and a review of local and subnational initiatives related to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Expected outcomes will include a communique on local and subnational government’s ambition for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, announcement of new projects and initiatives, and a roadmap of action towards the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Participation in the Summit is open to representatives of Parties, other Governments, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, international organizations and non-governmental organizations, who are accredited to attend the UN Biodiversity Conference. Representatives of such entities wishing to participate in the Summit are invited to apply through the online registration system provided for this purpose. The registration system and additional information on the Summit are available on the ICLEI website at:

<http://cbc.iclei.org/event/6thbiodiversitysummit/>.

I would like to encourage Parties and relevant organizations to participate in this Summit, and invite Parties to share this invitation with their subnational governments, cities, other local authorities and other interested organizations.

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

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To: CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol NFPs, ABS NFPs, UN Organizations and Specialized Agencies, IGOs, NGOs, indigenous peoples and local communities