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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Launch of the CBD Events Application in time for the UN Biodiversity Conference 2018**

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to announce that the Secretariat, in its efforts to promote paper-less meetings and reduce the need to print in-session documents, has developed an events application which is available for download free of charge from the Apple Store (for iPhone or iPad) and Google Play Store (for Android phone or tablet) accessible at: <https://www.cbd.int/cbd-events/>.

The CBD Events Application (CBD Events App) will enable participants of the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference 2018 and future meetings to download in-session documents and read them offline on their mobile devices. Participants will also be able to access the calendar of events and follow any updates in real time.

I invite all delegates to download and use the App to minimise the need for printing documents and contribute to the reduction of the carbon footprint at our meetings. The Secretariat looks forward to your support in making the Conference a paperless event.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD, ABS, CPB National Focal Points, IPLCs and relevant organizations