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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Invasive Alien Species: Invitation to the Online Discussion Forum**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its decision 14/11, paragraphs 5 and 13 (b), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the work of the online forum and asked the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group to provide advice or develop elements of technical guidance on management measures on invasive alien species to be implemented by broad sectors, to facilitate achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 and beyond. Accordingly, a moderated online discussion forum will be organized by the Secretariat, with the following timetable:

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| Methods for cost-benefit analysis | 1 – 31 May 2019 |
| Methods, tools, and measures for identification and minimization of risk of e-commerce | 1 – 30 June 2019 |
| Methods, tools and strategy for invasive alien species management under climate change and others | 1 – 31 July 2019 |
| Risk analysis on the potential consequences on social, economic and cultural values | 1– 31 August 2019 |
| Wrap up session for synthesis of report | 1 – 15 September 2019 |

The Secretariat would like to encourage your active participation in this online forum. To take part in the online forum, participants are required to submit a duly completed Participation Form, endorsed by the National Focal Point for the Convention or Head of the Organization (forms attached), and to send the forms to the Secretariat by e-mail at: secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible but no later than **19 April 2019**. Further information about the online forum is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/invasive/forum2/>

After the online forum, a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Groupon Invasive Alien Species is tentatively planned to take place in Montreal, Canada, in November 2019. Participants will be selected from the experts who have actively contributed to the process of the online forum, taking into account the terms of reference referred to in decision 14/11 (Annex II), and in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The exact dates and venue of the meeting will be communicated in due course.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD

Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**PARTICIPATION FORM**

**Online Discussion Forum to Develop Elements of Tools**

**and Technical Guidance on Management Measures on invasive alien species**

**1 May – 15 September 2019**

**I. INFORMATION ON THE PARTICIPANTS**

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**II. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE PARTICIPANTS**

***2. Current employment***

(a) Official title (current position): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***3. Description of your relevant activities within your organization:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***4. Indicate what information you can contribute to the online discussion forum:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

***5. Indicate if you have contributed in an expert capacity to invasive alien species policy development and its implementation:***

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***6.*** ***I agree that, I will contribute to all pre- and post-meeting requests for input, and attend the online forum. I also agree that I will*** ***continue to support and follow-up on the outcomes of the online forum, including sharing information and contributing to the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, once selected.***

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 Signature of the applicant Date

**OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT**

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Signature and Stamp Date:

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