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NOTIFICATION

Thematic Workshop on Area-based Conservation Measures for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework 1-3 December 2019 – Montreal, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Secretariat will convene the above-mentioned thematic workshop, which was postponed through notification [2019-071](#) in August, from **1 to 3 December 2019**, in Montreal, Canada. The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, relevant organizations, including women and youth groups, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, to nominate experts to participate in this workshop.

It is important to note that all nominations and documents pertaining to the workshop that have been sent to the Secretariat, to date, in response to notification [2019-061](#) of 17 July 2019, will be considered during the selection process. Please contact the Secretariat if there is any change in your previously submitted nomination.

For those that have not yet sent their nomination, I am pleased to inform you that the deadline to submit nomination has been extended to **25 September 2019**. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or via fax to +1 514 288-6588.

The nomination should include the full name and contact details of the nominee and should be submitted via an official letter signed by the National Focal Point or head of the organization/initiative and addressed to the Executive Secretary. All nominations should be accompanied by *curriculum vitae* clearly indicating the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee, considering the selection criteria mentioned below.

As previously indicated in Notification [2019-061](#) dated 17 July 2019, kindly be reminded that experts will be selected according to the following criteria:

- (i) Experience, knowledge and expertise, a clear responsibility within a national-level institution/agency, and working on topics/issues related to different aspects of area-based conservation measures;
- (ii) Experience in decision-making and implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and Aichi Target 11 and various thematic areas related to area-based conservation of biodiversity; and
- (iii) Knowledge and experience in tracking, monitoring and assessing the socio-economic and environmental impacts of area-based conservation.

To: CBD National Focal Points; PoWPA Focal Points; SBSTTA Focal Points; Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities; Relevant Organizations; Bi-lateral and Multilateral Funding Agencies.

A maximum number of 10 to 15 experts will be selected per region on the basis of nominations by Parties, and a balanced number of participants from relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as women and youth groups/organizations.

As initially planned, the meeting will be conducted in English. During the weeks leading up to the thematic workshop, the participants will be provided with available information on the status of various area-based conservation measures in their countries, in the form of country dossiers, and questions to work on to effectively prepare for the consultation. The participants will be engaged in various preparatory activities via e-mails, teleconference, and webinars.

I thank you for your cooperation and sustained support to the Convention, as well as your contribution towards progress on the area-based conservation elements of Aichi Targets and, in particular, Target 11.

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

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