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NOTIFICATION

Involving young people in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision 14/34, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) urged Parties and invited all relevant organizations and stakeholders, including youth, to actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to facilitate dialogues in support of that process.

All over the world, young people are demanding action to protect our planet. As we are in the process of developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and setting targets for the protection and conservation of the planet's biodiversity and ecosystems, it is of great importance that the voices of young people are heard and taken into account. The goals and targets of this framework will not only affect the present generation but also future generations and their livelihoods. Several Parties and organizations are working to support youth engagement in the global dialogue and bring their voices into the process.

The Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) and its national chapters will be conducting a series of dialogues and workshops involving youth organizations and networks around the world, starting with a Youth Leadership Dialogue, organized in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other partners, from 6 to 8 November 2019 in Paris, France. GYBN members are also taking an active role in the post-2020 thematic consultations and intergovernmental meetings.

Nordic Co-operation, working with youth organizations and young people from the Nordic countries, has developed "Together Towards a Global Deal for Nature and People", a toolkit for involving young people in setting targets for biodiversity, ecosystems and sustainable use. The Nordic Toolkit will contribute to facilitating discussions on issues of importance to youth and to enhancing coherence and consistency of the outcomes of youth workshops on biodiversity. An accompanying Manual for organizing youth consultations provides information and guidance in the preparation of such workshops. National youth workshops will be organized throughout the Nordic region over the coming months, and a Nordic youth summit is planned to be held in February 2020.

The Nordic Toolkit is flexible and voluntary, and can be adapted to other local, national or regional contexts. Together with the Manual, it is made available to Parties, young people and those who want to

To : CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points, ABS National Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant organizations

support youth engagement in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The Toolkit and Manual are publicly available on the following website: <https://www.norden.org/en/biodiversity>.

The Secretariat encourages Parties and other stakeholders to bring to its attention any youth initiatives to support youth engagement in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

In addition the outcomes of youth consultations conducted using the Nordic Toolkit or any other methodologies may be communicated to the Secretariat at the following email address: secretariat@cbd.int.

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

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Officer-in-Charge