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## NOTIFICATION

### Call for nominations for the Global Taxonomy Initiative Forum 7 to 9 April 2020 – Berlin, Germany

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Global Taxonomy Initiative Forum (GTI Forum) will take place in Berlin, Germany, from 7 to 9 April 2020. The GTI Forum will be jointly organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Museum für Naturkunde – Leibniz Institute for Evolution & Biodiversity Science (with the endorsement of the Government of Germany) with financial support from the Government of Japan (through its Japan Biodiversity Fund) and the Museum für Naturkunde.

The purpose of the GTI Forum is to review the implementation of the Capacity-building Strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (annexed to decision XI/29) and inform on the progress of the GTI and related networks to the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body with review of the sixth national reports submitted by Parties (paragraph 9 of decision XI/29) and analysis of relevant institutional arrangements, and networks at the global, regional and/or subregional levels relating to the Global Taxonomy Initiative (paragraph 5(c) of SBSTTA recommendation 23/6). Taking into account the advances in taxonomy since 2011, the Forum will also consider the cutting-edge technologies that support Parties' implementation of the Convention.

Accordingly, I would like to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, and indigenous peoples and local communities to nominate one expert to participate in the GTI Forum based on their experience at least in one of the following areas: (i) contributions to removing the taxonomic impediment; (ii) applications of cutting-edge approaches and technologies in line with the GTI Capacity-building Strategy; (iii) facilitation of sharing of taxonomic knowledge and expertise with relevance to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity; or (iv) contributions to achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets through actions of the Global Taxonomy Initiative. Please note that the nominated expert will need to provide an abstract specifying the role played in implementing the above-mentioned topics.

Participants will be selected by the Secretariat, in consultation with the GTI Coordination Mechanism and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, based on the selection criteria, as follows: (i) effectiveness of capacity-building actions undertaken to remove the taxonomic impediment; (ii) scientific achievement in bioinformatics, systematics, genomics and other biodiversity sciences in application of new technologies to the implementation of the Convention; (iii) contribution to the preparation of the sixth national report at the national level; and (iv) effectiveness of actions under the GTI Capacity-building Strategy for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The selection process will take into account equitable geographic representation, gender balance and the mandatory submission of the abstract. The selected nominees from eligible Parties will receive

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financing from the Secretariat to facilitate their participation in the GTI Forum. The meeting will be conducted in English.

Nominations should include the nomination form available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2020/ntf-2020-016-gti-form-en.docx>, with all mandatory fields completed, accompanied by a curriculum vitae. All nominations should be completed and submitted through the CBD Primary National Focal Point. Nominations may be sent via fax to: +1-514-288-6588 or via e-mail to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) no later than **21 February 2020**.

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

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