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## NOTIFICATION

### **Invitation to the Side Event on “Urgent Action on Biodiversity for Sustainable Development – Update on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework with a focus on how biodiversity contributes to Planetary and Human Health”**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the side event: “Urgent Action on Biodiversity for Sustainable Development – Update on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework with a focus on how biodiversity contributes to Planetary and Human Health”, to be held on the margins of the 2020 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, on **Tuesday, 14 July 2020**, from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm EST. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the side event will take place via virtual format.

The intergovernmental process to develop a post-2020 global biodiversity framework is actively engaging the global community towards a new global pact for biodiversity. The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, therefore, presents a unique opportunity to share new thinking on biodiversity in the context of sustainable development and to raise the political profile of the global biodiversity agenda.

The side event will also provide an opportunity for the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020) to brief the high-level representatives on: (a) the progress made to date towards the development of the framework; (b) the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and the efforts made to adapt the negotiation process to the crisis while continuing to make progress; (c) how the framework can contribute to a safer and more resilient world, including through the restoration and maintenance of healthy and resilient ecosystems; and (d) the next steps for WG2020, including the development of the first draft of the framework for consideration by the WG2020 at its third meeting.

In addition, the Co-Chairs will outline the key building blocks of the draft framework that relate to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and signal opportunities in the coming decade for rebuilding our relationship with nature and achieving more sustainable, resilient and inclusive development pathways. The briefing will be followed by a question and answer session with participants.

The side event will also include statements from high-level representatives of national governments and intergovernmental agencies. Speakers will focus their statements on key issues and questions related to biodiversity conservation and the emerging global biodiversity framework.

The tentative agenda for the side event is enclosed in the annex. The event will be held via the GoToWebinar® service. Please register by clicking on the link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4077709703857639948>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information on how to join the side event.

I look forward to your active participation in this important event.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema  
Executive Secretary

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

## Annex

### **Urgent Action on Biodiversity for Sustainable Development – Update on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework with a focus on how biodiversity contributes to Planetary and Human Health**

Convened virtually via the GoToWebinar® service  
Tuesday, 14 July 2020, from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm EST

#### *Proposed Agenda*

<b>Introduction</b> Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Director, Implementation and Support Division, SCBD
<b>Welcome</b> Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, SCBD
<b>Statements by Intergovernmental Organizations</b>
<b>Statements by current and incoming COP Presidents</b>
<b>National Responses</b>
<b>Statements by NGOs and other agencies</b>
<b>Presentation by the Co-Chairs of WG2020</b> Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada)
<b>Question &amp; Answer session</b>
<b>Closing Remarks</b> Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, SCBD