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## NOTIFICATION

### **Invitation to the launch of the second edition of the Local Biodiversity Outlooks: Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Contributions to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision [XIII/29](#), requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant partners, to prepare a second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks: Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Contributions to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020* (LBO-2).

In this regard, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, along with the Forest Peoples Programme (FPP) and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), are pleased to invite you to the launch of the LBO-2, scheduled to take place virtually on **16 September 2020** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Montreal time UTC-4). Interpretation will be provided in Spanish and Russian.

The launch event will include remarks by the lead authors of LBO-2 and representatives of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, as well as brief presentations of local cases featured in the LBO-2.

Further information will be available at the LBO-2 launch webpage, which is accessible at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3-prep/lbo-2-launch>. The Secretariat will be updating this webpage as new information becomes available, including the event programme, platform and connection details, and other background documentation. Training sessions on how to use the virtual platform will be conducted during the week of 7 September 2020; interested participants who wish to take part in the training should consult the above webpage for more information.

The LBO-2 complements the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* by presenting the perspectives and experiences of indigenous peoples and local communities and their contributions to the successful implementation of the goals and targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The report also outlines indigenous peoples' and local communities' aspirations and ambitions for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The full consideration of the role of indigenous peoples and local communities in and their collective and local contributions to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity will be critical if Humanity is to reach our Vision of Living in harmony with Nature by 2050.

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, TK National Focal Points, International Organizations, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and relevant Organizations

