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NOTIFICATION

Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Dear Madame/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a regional capacity building workshop for the updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP) for East, South and Southeast Asia will be held in **Xi'an, China** from **9 to 16 May 2011**. This workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) with the generous support of the Governments of Japan and of China, as well as the European Community.

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10), held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan from 18 to 29 October 2010, adopted a Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, which contains five strategic goals and twenty headline targets also known as the Aichi Targets. While adopting this strategy for the next decade, the COP urged Parties to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework, as well as to review, and as appropriate update and revise, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the Strategic Plan.

This workshop is one of a series of regional and sub-regional capacity building workshops to be organized in 2011 and 2012. The purpose of this workshop is to strengthen national capacities for the development, implementation, reviewing, updating and communication of NBSAPs; to help facilitate national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; and translate the post-2010 strategic plan into national targets and commitments (decision X/2 (17)). In line with the request of the tenth meeting of Conference of the Parties to

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support countries in making use of the study on the Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity (TEEB), one important focus of the workshop will be on valuation and incentive measures as critical mainstreaming tools, and on facilitating implementation of targets 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan.

In light of the above, I am pleased to invite you to nominate two representatives of your Government who will participate in this workshop. These nominations should be in the form of an official signed letter by you or a senior government official and should contain their name and full contact information, including email addresses. This letter can either be scanned and emailed to secretariat@cbd.int or faxed to the Secretariat at + 1 514 288 6588, no later than **before 18 March 2011**.

In submitting nominations, Parties are requested to note that one of the two representatives should be responsible for the development and/or implementation of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan. The second person should be from the finance, economic or development planning ministry and be in a position to share significant experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity into national development plans. Both nominees should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support on national implementation.

Please also kindly note that the workshop will be held in English.

The Secretariat will support the participation of two representatives from each eligible country, with direct, economy-class round-trip tickets and daily subsistence allowances for the duration of the workshop to be provided in accordance with relevant UN rules. Documents for this workshop will be made available in due course.

We look forward to receiving your early nominations, and I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary