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## NOTIFICATION

### **Regional Workshop for Caribbean countries on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans St George's, Grenada (17-21 October, 2011)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, thanks to the financial support provided by Japan and other donors, a regional capacity-building workshop for the updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) for Caribbean countries will be held in St George's, Grenada from 17-21 October 2011. The workshop is organised by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development.

This workshop is part of a series of regional and sub-regional capacity-building workshops being organised in 2011 and 2012. The purpose of the workshop is to strengthen national capacities for the development, implementation, review, updating and communication of NBSAPs; to help facilitate national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; and to translate the Post-2010 Strategic Plan into national targets and commitments (decision X/2, paragraph 17). The workshop will also provide an introduction to other COP-10 outcomes. Further information is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops2.shtml>.

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in paragraphs 11 and 12 of decision X/31, encourages donors and Parties to hold sub-regional and national donor roundtable meetings to support mobilization of funding based on national priorities, as expressed in NBSAPs and action plans for implementing the PoWPA, in collaboration with the LifeWeb Initiative. In this respect, a one-day financing roundtable meeting is being advanced to be held on 21 October 2011, in the context of the Caribbean Challenge, involving the following 8 Caribbean governments (Bahamas, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines). This meeting will be held in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and other partners of the Caribbean Challenge, and in

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partnership with the CBD LifeWeb Initiative. This meeting will aim to advance prioritisation, commitment and coordination of funding for implementation of protected area dimensions of NBSAPs and the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA) in the sub-region.

Please note that the workshop will be held in English

In light of the above, I am pleased to invite you to nominate two representatives of your Government to participate in this workshop. The nomination should be in the form of an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary signed by yourself, or a senior government official, and should contain the nominee's name and full contact information, including email addresses. This letter can either be scanned and emailed to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or faxed to the Secretariat at + 1 514 288 6588, no later than **2 September 2011**.

In submitting nominations, Parties are requested to note that one participant should be responsible for the development, updating and/or implementation of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan, and be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support of national implementation. The other participant should be from planning or financing ministries and should be in a position to support the national development, updating and/or implementation of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan through the mainstreaming of biodiversity into national development and poverty reduction strategies and plans as well as into relevant sectors.

Upon receipt of nominations, further information on travel and hotel arrangements will be duly communicated. We look forward to receiving your early nominations.

I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary