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NOTIFICATION

United Nations High-Level Political Forum

Dear Madam/Sir,

The United Nations High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) will be held from Tuesday, 6 July, to Thursday, 15 July 2021, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, with the theme of "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development".

The HLPF will discuss in depth Sustainable Development Goals 1 (no poverty), 2 (zero hunger), 3 (good health and well-being), 8 (decent work and economic growth), 10 (reduced inequalities), 12 (responsible consumption and production), 13 (climate action), 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), and 17 (partnerships). Countries will also carry out voluntary national reviews of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

I invite Parties to use the opportunity of the official thematic reviews of these Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the voluntary national reviews to highlight the role of biodiversity and ecosystems in sustainable development and their contribution to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs implementation.

Parties may also wish to take advantage of the Regional Forums and thematic preparatory meetings to prepare for the HLPF. Further information and resources to assist Parties in this respect, including biodiversity-specific guidance for countries preparing their reviews and a set of key preliminary biodiversity related to and the **SDGs** https://www.cbd.int/development/implementation/hlpf/. The Secretariat will be updating this webpage as new information becomes available.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema **Executive Secretary**







