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## NOTIFICATION

### **Nominations for the Regional Dialogue on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level in Central America and the Caribbean 4 to 7 November 2019 – Belize City, Belize**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you of the regional dialogue on integrating climate change and biodiversity at the national level in Central America and the Caribbean, to be held from 4 to 7 November 2019, in Belize City, Belize. This event is organized in collaboration with SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre.

The workshop is part of a series of regional dialogues organized to support countries through peer-to-peer exchanges where countries can benefit from each other's experience at the sub-regional level. The event includes a field visit to an area where ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction are being implemented.

The objectives of the dialogue are to exchange experiences in developing ecosystem-based approaches in climate-related policy at the national level, and to identify synergies among potential ecosystem-based approaches for delivering benefits related to multiple objectives. It supports decision XIII/4 of the Conference of the Parties, which encourages Parties to fully take into account the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, and to integrate ecosystem-based approaches when developing Nationally Determined Contributions and, where appropriate, implementing associated domestic measures. It also supports the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 2, 14, 15 and 19.

I am pleased to invite your Government to nominate two experts to participate in this event, to be considered for selection according to these criteria:

- (a) One participant should be directly responsible for the development, updating and/or implementation of national biodiversity strategies, policies or programmes;
- (b) The other participant should be involved in the development of national climate change adaptation plans, policies and programmes; and
- (c) The participants should be in a position to translate the knowledge gained into concrete cross-sectoral actions to enhance policy and planning coherence on biodiversity and climate change.

Please note that the workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation.

Participants will be selected among nominees on the basis of relevant experience and expertise related to ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and taking gender balance into account. Thanks to the generous support provided by SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, selected nominees from eligible countries will receive financing to facilitate their

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participation. The travel and Daily Subsistence Allowance for eligible participants will be arranged by the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre and in accordance with their rules and procedures.

Nominations should be submitted in the form of an official letter signed by the focal point or a senior government official addressed to the Executive Secretary clearly indicating names and full contact information, including address, e-mail addresses and telephone number of nominees. The nominations should also include a *curriculum vitae* (CV) indicating nominees' relevant experience and expertise. The nominations should be sent to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or faxed to + 1 514 288 6588 at your earliest convenience but **not later than 4 October 2019**.

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

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