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NOTIFICATION
WGRI 5 Informal Dialogue Session
17 June 2014 – Montreal, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to call your attention to the informal dialogue session on mainstreaming biodiversity in the sustainable development goals and mobilization of resources for achieving the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 17 June 2014 as part of the Plenary discussion of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (16-20 June 2014).

The informal dialogue session, to be chaired by the representative of the COP President, will include two panel discussions, followed by an open dialogue with Parties and observers to the meeting. The panels will be as follows:

Panel 1: Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Sustainable Development Goals: The Road Ahead

- Provide an update on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) process;
- Discuss the linkages of biodiversity with the achievement of the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and other possible SDGs;
- Discuss how the SDGs and other development processes can be integrated with the NBSAPs and other national-level processes.

Panel 2: Mobilization of Resources for Achieving the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets

- Discuss and understand the broad range of options available to Parties based on their diverse experience for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Target 20;
- Clarify areas of convergence and divergence regarding the means to scale up financing to support the achievement of the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- Consider the outcomes of the Second Informal Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity in Quito, Ecuador (9-13 April 2014) and the findings of the High-level Panel on Resource Assessment for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan.

The conclusion of the panels will be reflected in a Chairman's summary in preparation for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

Participants are encouraged to consider the guiding questions in the enclosed background document to ensure focused interventions.

Enclosure

To: CBD Focal Points and Partner Organizations



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The Chair will encourage interventions that ensure a balance between regions and stakeholders. Therefore, regional groups may wish to consider representatives to make interventions on behalf of individual Parties on areas of common view.

With a view to contributing to the informal dialogue session and to enlarge opportunities for multi-stakeholder participation, the following two WGRI 5 side-events will be held on Monday, 16 June 2014:

- (i) “Could the NBSAP revision process and the formulation of the SDGs be mutually supportive?”, organized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, will be held at 1.15-2.45 p.m. in Room 3 (level 1); and
- (ii) “Scaling up biodiversity Finance: Outcomes of the Quito II Informal Dialogue Seminar and the findings of the High-level Panel, with a focus on the value of biodiversity for policy choices, mainstreaming and funding”, organized by the Stockholm Resilience Centre and the Secretariat, will be held at 1.15-2.45p.m. in Assembly Hall I (level 4).

I look forward to your contribution to this important discussion and to the continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Annex

**WGRI 5 Informal Dialogue Session
Tuesday, 17 June 2014 (10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.)
Plenary Room**

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Panel 1: Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Sustainable Development Goals: The Road Ahead

Background

In the Rio+20 outcome document, *The future we want*, governments at the highest-level reaffirmed the “intrinsic value of biological diversity as well as the ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic values of biological diversity and its critical role in maintaining ecosystems that provide essential services which are critical foundations for sustainable development and human well-being.” In December 2013, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution encouraging Parties and all partners, institutions, organizations and processes concerned to consider the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in developing the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and in the process of establishing sustainable development goals under the United Nations General Assembly.

The Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can and should be mutually supportive. The Open Working Group on SDGs has included in their “zero draft” goals on terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity as one of the focus areas of SDGs and is developing targets consistent with the Strategic Plan. Inter-linkages with other focus areas are also identified. The 12th session of the Open Working Group, to be held from 16 to 20 June 2014, is expected to produce refined proposals for SDGs and targets and the 13th session (July 2014) is expected to adopt a report with recommendations on possible SDGs and targets for the 69th session of the UN General Assembly.

Objectives

This panel is an opportunity to provide an update to the WGRI5 participants about the on-going SDGs process and of the importance of the SDGs in achieving the Strategic Plan and Aichi Targets. The panel will discuss the linkages of biodiversity with other possible SDGs, such as poverty eradication, sustainable agriculture and food security, health, sustainable cities, sustainable consumption and production, climate change and biodiversity and on oceans and seas. Participants will also consider how the SDGs and other development processes can be integrated with the NBSAPs and other national-level processes.

Guiding questions

Participants are encouraged to consider the following guiding questions to ensure focused discussions:

- Given the relevance of biodiversity and ecosystems to achieving many of the other draft SDGs, is the zero draft adequate in addressing biodiversity and ecosystems?
- What role could CBD Parties, the CBD Secretariat and the CBD community play in helping to mainstream biodiversity and ecosystems in the SDGs and post-2015 process?
- How can NBSAPs be better integrated at the national level with development, disaster prevention and other relevant planning processes, and how can the UN system support such integration?

Draft Programme: Panel 1

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| Opening remarks | Mr. Hem Pande , Chair of WGRI 5 / Representative of the COP Presidency, India |
| Presentations by invited panel members | His Excellency Mr. John W. Ashe , President of the United Nations General Assembly (tbc) (by video) |
| | His Excellency Mr. Ronald Jean Jumeau , Seychelles Ambassador for Climate Change and SIDS Issues (tbc) |
| | Mr. Olav Kjørven , Special Adviser to the UNDP Administrator on the Post-2015 Development Agenda |
| | Representative of private sector or academic community (tbc) |
| | Ms. Lucy Mullenkei , Executive Director, Indigenous Information Network, Kenya |
| Discussion period | |
| Concluding remarks | Mr. Braulio Dias , Executive Secretary of the CBD |

Panel 2: Mobilization of Resources for Achieving the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Background

The effective mobilization of resources, including financial resources, is central for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its twenty Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The extent to which the global biodiversity targets can be achieved will depend largely upon the availability of resources mobilized from public and private sources and through traditional and innovative mechanisms. We know from recent assessments that a significant funding gap remains for countries to achieve the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Targets. The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, by adopting a set of global targets for increasing funding from all sources, has given considerable political momentum to address this funding gap.

The fifth meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on the Review of Implementation have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/4) reporting on the progress made by Parties in achieving the preliminary targets (decision XI/4 para 7), lessons learnt on possible risks and benefits of innovative financial mechanisms and safeguards, and highlighting the initial results of the High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity.

Objectives

The panel will consider the means of implementation as highlighted in section V and VI of the Annex to decision X/2 on the Strategic Plan for biodiversity with a focus on resource mobilization.

Parties will also consider decisions that can significantly increase biodiversity-related funding from all sources. The dialogue session will cover the broad range of options available to Parties, based on their diverse experiences, for achieving the Aichi Target 20. It is an opportunity to clarify areas of convergence and divergence regarding the means to scale up financing to support the achievement of the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The discussion will be based on the outcomes of the Second Informal Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity, Quito 2 (9-13 April 2014) and the final report of the High-level Panel on Resource Assessment for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Guiding questions

Participants are encouraged to consider the following guiding questions to ensure focused discussions:

- Identify examples where biodiversity-related activities were successfully prioritized in national budgeting processes. What were the success factors and lessons learned?
- What specific capacity is required to mobilize resources (financial and human) to achieve the 2020 Aichi biodiversity targets?
- What are the positive impacts of biodiversity and ecosystem services on national income?

Draft Programme: Panel 2

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| Opening remarks | Mr. Hem Pande , Chair of WGRI 5 / Representative of the COP Presidency, India |
| Presentations by invited panel members | Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez , Chair of the <i>High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020</i> |
| | Mr. Francis Ogwal , Co-chair of the <i>Informal Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity</i> and National Focal Point, Uganda |
| | Ms. Christina van Winkle , OECD Secretariat |
| | Mr. Jon K. Grant , Chair of the <i>Ontario Biodiversity Council</i> and former chairman and CEO of <i>The Quaker Oats Company of Canada</i> and <i>CCL Industries</i> , Canada |
| | Mr. A Damodaran , <i>Indian Institute of Management</i> , Bangalore |
| | Ms. Caroline Petersen , <i>UNDP Biodiversity Programme</i> |
| Discussion period | |
| Concluding remarks | Mr. Braulio Dias , Executive Secretary of the CBD |