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NOTIFICATION

Thematic Consultation on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework 30 March – 1 April 2020 – Bern, Switzerland

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, thanks to the financial support of Norway and Switzerland, the Secretariat will convene a thematic consultation on the sustainable use of biological diversity to inform the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, from 30 March to 1 April 2020, in Bern, Switzerland.

The Co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Secretariat are organizing this thematic consultation with support from the Governments of Switzerland and Norway.

The thematic consultation is intended to foster a participatory and inclusive dialogue between experts from Parties to the Convention, including with rightsholders and other stakeholders with relevant experience on various aspects of the sustainable use of biological diversity to discuss potential concrete elements and their place in post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The outputs of this consultation will be submitted to the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for consideration.

Accordingly, I invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to nominate one expert to participate in this thematic consultation. Participants will be selected from among nominees based on relevant expertise and experience, considering gender balance and equitable geographical representation. The experts could include CBD focal points, experts from the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, Tourism or national agencies, and experts working in thematic areas related to the sustainable use of biological diversity.

The nomination should include the full name and contact details of the nominee and should be submitted via an official letter signed by the National Focal Point or head of the organization/initiative and addressed to the Executive Secretary. All nominations should be accompanied by a *curriculum vitae* clearly indicating the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible, but no later than **03 February 2020**, via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

A maximum of 10 to 15 experts will be selected per region on the basis of nominations by Parties, and a balanced number of participants from indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant

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organizations. The selected nominees from eligible Parties and a limited number of representatives of Major Groups will receive financing from the Secretariat to facilitate their participation. The meeting will be conducted in English.

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

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Acting Executive Secretary