

## United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

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### NOTIFICATION

#### Capacity-building workshop for Small Island Developing States to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on Invasive Alien Species, 14-15 June 2014- Montreal, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to announce the organization of a capacity-building workshop for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on invasive alien species to be held on 14 - 15 June 2014 in Montreal, Canada, prior to the fifth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 5), from 16 to 20 June 2014, and the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 18), from 23 to 27 June 2014.

This workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity with the generous financial assistance of the Government of Japan, and will have the following specific objectives:

- (a) Exchange information on invasive alien species among Parties, experts and potential donors to develop project proposals based on the national strategies and action plans for invasive alien species as part of the updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, taking into account the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, decisions of the Conference of Parties and other elements of the international regulatory framework relevant to invasive alien species.
- (b) Facilitate resource mobilization from external donors using the LifeWeb approach. This workshop will provide a review of multilateral, bilateral and philanthropic donors and their strategies to address invasive alien species in small island developing states and developing countries with islands. It will furthermore review best practice in the development of project proposals.
- (c) Assist the SIDS to identify projects targeting invasive alien species and guide them to formulate suitable project proposals to be funded from the GEF-6 STAR and Programme 4. The guidance will be done in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) implementing agencies such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank.

The Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 states that “*by 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment*”. The LifeWeb Initiative, a facilitator of financing for area-based conservation projects in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, helps developing countries convey their financial needs for implementing projects of national priority and highlights these needs to donors who are able to create development assistance partnerships through the online clearing-house and through participation in roundtable meetings. Therefore the Secretariat, through the LifeWeb Initiative, will offer participants in this workshop an integrated and participatory approach to promote adequate and targeted proposal development to achieve Target 9.

To: CBD and SBSTTA Focal Points, relevant organizations and potential donors



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The workshop will be conducted primarily in English with simultaneous interpretation in French. The meeting documents will be posted on the CBD website at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=IASWS-2014-01> in due course.

### ***Submission of nominations from SIDS***

The Secretariat welcomes the nomination of up to two representatives from eligible Parties. The first nominee should preferably be the representative who will be already attending the WGRI 5 and the SBSTTA 18 meetings, and who is in a position to endorse/submit national project proposals to various financial mechanisms to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9. The second nominee should be an expert with the ability to develop projects and implement the proposed projects on the ground level to achieve Target 9 at national or regional levels, including the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO).

SIDS Parties are requested to note that participants should have already initiated the process of integrating the invasive alien species issue into the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, liaising with taxonomic institutions and the NPPO of their country prior to attending this workshop, to develop invasive alien species management projects at the national level in harmony with its regional invasive species strategies.

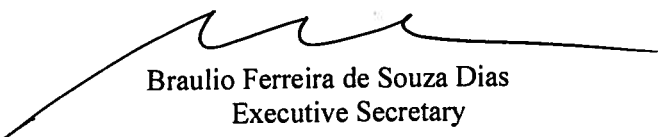
The nominations must be in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, signed by the national focal point and must include both nominees' full contact details as well as their *curriculum vitae* clearly indicating the areas of expertise. The letter should be sent by e-mail to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or by fax to +1 (514) 288-6588, no later than **30 April 2014**, together with the completed questionnaire attached to this letter.

### ***Submission of nominations from non-SIDS and other relevant organizations***

Countries with islands, relevant organizations and potential donors are invited to nominate one self-funded expert to participate in this workshop. Nominations must be in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, signed by the Head of the Organization, sent, by fax to +1 (514) 288-6588 or via e-mail to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) preferably by **30 April 2014**. Please include the nominee's full contact details, as well as a *curriculum vitae* (CV) clearly indicating the areas of expertise.

I look forward to receiving your nominations and I thank you for your cooperation and continued support for the work of the Convention.

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



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Attachment