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## NOTIFICATION

### **Sub-regional Workshop on valuation and incentive measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 19 to 22 February 2013**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a Sub-regional Workshop on valuation and incentive measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa will be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 19 to 22 February 2013.

This workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) and will be hosted by the Government of Burkina Faso.

The workshop is one of a series of regional and sub-regional capacity building workshops, organized, pursuant to requests of the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other relevant organizations, with a view to support countries in making use of the findings of The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study, in integrating the values of biodiversity into relevant national and local policies, programmes and planning processes, and in promoting the exchange among practitioners on practical experiences on incentive measures (decisions X/2, paragraphs 17 (e) and (f), X/44, paragraph 7, XI/30, paragraph 12 (c)).

The workshop seeks to contribute to achieving the following objectives:

- To provide decision-makers in the region with economic arguments for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as with information on state-of-the-art tools that enhance the quality of decision-making processes regarding conservation and sustainable use, including on financial tools;
- To promote synergies and enhanced cooperation among relevant policy areas and sectors by mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- To support the revision and review or update of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) in light of the new Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (decision X/2, paragraph 3 (c)), in particular with regard to Aichi Targets 2 and 3, as well as other relevant Targets.

To: CBD National Focal Points of: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo and relevant organizations



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In light of the above, I am pleased to invite your Government to nominate two officials who will participate in this workshop, as follows:

1. one from the Ministry of the Environment (or equivalent) and
2. the other one preferably from the finance, economic, development planning or similar ministry, or (as one important focus of the workshop will be on the integration of biodiversity values into national accounting) from the national statistical office or similar agency.

The latter nominee should be in a position to share the national experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity into development plans and/or reporting systems, while both nominees should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support of national implementation.

The participation of two representatives from each eligible country will be supported with direct, economy-class round-trip ticket and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop, to be provided in accordance with relevant UN rules. Documents for this workshop will be made available in due course. The workshop will be held in French and English.

The 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 and should clearly identify the names and full contact information, including the email address of representatives. The letter can either be scanned and emailed as a PDF attachment to the Secretariat at [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or faxed at + 1 514 288 6588, and should reach the Secretariat **no later than 7 January 2013**.

We look forward to receiving your nominations as soon as possible, and I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias  
Executive Secretary