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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to Register for a Free Massive Open Online Course Series “Introduction to Resilience for Development”

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that registration is now open for a free massive open online course on Introduction to Resilience for Development, developed by the United Nations Development Programme in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, Pronatura, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR) and the partners of the NBSAP Forum. The course is hosted by The Nature Conservancy on its Conservation Training website. Part One of the course will be conducted from 31 October to 27 November 2017 and Part Two from 23 January to 13 February 2018 in English, French and Spanish.

The course is targeted at policymakers and practitioners working in sustainable development and the conservation planning sectors. It has been designed to mainstream the concept of resilience and promote an integrated approach to social and ecological sustainability. It is expected to enhance the effectiveness of conservation efforts and development actions to deliver on the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (especially Target 15) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Part One of the course will cover key concepts about understanding resilience thinking and how to conduct resilience assessments. Part Two will demonstrate how resilience thinking can be used to inform the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to enhance protected areas management.

I invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to encourage their staff and respective audiences to register and take this important course. Further information, including detailed instructions on how to register for the course, is available at: http://mailchi.mp/nbsapforum/resilience_mooc_2.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD, CPB and ABS National Focal Points, IPLCs and relevant organizations