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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Subregional capacity-building workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for South Asia**
**29 - 31 July 2024 – Kathmandu, Nepal**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform Parties and observers that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and the Secretariat of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, will be convening a sub-regional capacity-building workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, from 29 to 31 July 2024 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The workshop is being convened in response to COP decisions 15/4, 15/7, 15/8, 14/8, and XIII/23, back-to-back with the workshop on Leveraging the Prospects and Potentials of Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) for Transboundary Cooperation in the Hindu Kush Himalaya, organized by ICIMOD from 31 July to 1 August 2024. The sub-regional capacity-building workshop is made possible through the generous financial support of the governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as the Republic of Korea through the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative.

The purpose of the workshop on Target 3 is to support Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, and other stakeholders from South Asian countries to achieve their commitments under Target 3 and related targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and to encourage the development of national priority actions that will facilitate effective implementation of the Target. The workshop will focus on the quantitative and qualitative elements of Target 3 and will serve as a platform for a dialogue on status, gaps, challenges and opportunities available to enhance progress towards the achievement of the Target. The workshop will also provide an opportunity for countries to learn about the activities and tools developed by the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, and other partners, to support implementation and achievement of Target 3.

Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations are therefore invited to nominate a representative to attend this workshop. It is advised that the nominee be an officer or expert who is leading or supporting the implementation of Target 3 at the national level or an expert on transboundary conservation areas.

Nominations should be submitted in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, signed by the national focal point or head of the organization, as appropriate, indicating the name and full contact details of the nominee, and accompanied by a duly completed nomination form (see annex to this notification) describing relevant expertise and experience of the nominee. Nominations should be sent to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible and **no later than 21 June 2024.**

Participants eligible for funding will be provided with air travel and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for incidental costs according to UN rules. Information concerning DSA for participation in the workshop will be communicated to participating countries separately. Information and documents relevant to the workshop will be made available in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English.

I look forward to receiving nominations from you at the earliest opportunity.

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

(*Signed*) David **Cooper**

Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**Annex**

**Nomination Form**

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| Country |  |
| Name |  |
| Title |  |
| E-mail address  |  |
| Travel Document/Passport Number |  |
| Institution/Organization |  |
| Contact details (e-mail address, etc.) |  |
| Brief description of technical background/working experience related to Target 3  |  |