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NOTIFICATION

Information webinar to assist Parties in the preparation of project concepts for the third selection round under the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund 5 September 2024

Dear Sir or Madam.

I am pleased to bring to your attention a notification announcing the third selection round of project concepts for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF), issued on 8 August 2024 by Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility. The third selection round for Project Preparation Grant (PPG) requests opened on 8 August 2024 and will close on 30 September 2024. Decisions regarding the selection results will be notified by 6 December 2024.

In the light of portfolio-level progress after the first and second selection rounds, PPG requests from the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), as well as programming through international finance institutions, will be prioritized for the third selection round.

In accordance with the GBFF Project Cycle Policy, GEF Agencies submit PPG requests on behalf and with the endorsement of eligible countries at an amount that is no more than the country's maximum total dollar value of new funding request(s) at the time of submission. The PPG requests are submitted on the GEF Portal. The templates for the PPG request and the letter of endorsement have been circulated to the GEF Agencies and GEF Operational Focal Points.

An <u>information webinar</u> on the preparation of proposals for the GBFF, convened by the Secretariats of the GEF and the Convention on Biological Diversity, was organized virtually on 3 July 2024, and the GEF has also organized <u>other sessions</u>.

To assist relevant Parties interested in submitting PPG requests for the third selection round, the GEF Secretariat has offered to provide a briefing through a webinar to be organized on 5 September 2024 at 8:00 a.m. EDT. Registration for the webinar is available at this <u>link</u>. All registered participants will receive an automatic e-mail providing a link to access the webinar.

I look forward to your participation in this webinar.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker Executive Secretary

To: National focal points for CBD, national focal points for Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, ABS national focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations





