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**UNFCCC technical workshop on ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation to climate change
under the Nairobi Work Programme on Impacts, Vulnerability and
Adaptation to Climate Change
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
21 to 23 March 2013**

Dear Constituency Focal Point,

On behalf of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), I am pleased to invite you to nominate an expert to participate in the above-mentioned workshop. The UNFCCC secretariat is convening this workshop under the guidance of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Technological Advice (SBSTA), in accordance with the decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its seventeenth session.

The objective of the Nairobi work programme is to assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS), to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, and to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change on a sound scientific, technical and socio-economic basis, taking into account current and future climate change and variability.¹

As part of the activities under the Nairobi work programme, the COP requested the secretariat to organize a technical workshop on ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation to climate change, before the thirty-eighth session of the SBSTA, taking into account the role of ecosystems, including forests, in adaptation; vulnerability and impacts in ecosystems; the implementation and benefits of ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation; and lessons learned, including through the three Rio Conventions.² The workshop will be informed by the information contained in Annex I to the report of the SBSTA on its thirty-fourth session³ and subsequent views of Parties, and will include indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation and gender-sensitive tools and approaches as cross-cutting issues.⁴

¹ Further information on the Nairobi work programme is available at <unfccc.int/nwp>.

² Decision 6/CP.17, paragraph 4(b).

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2.

⁴ Decision 6/CP.17, paragraph 4.



To achieve the objectives of the workshop, it is particularly desirable that nominated participants have good technical knowledge of and/or practical experiences in the issues referred to in the abovementioned areas. Participants may also be asked to deliver a presentation on practical experiences on the ground and lessons learnt or a related topic.

Please note that the workshop will be conducted in English. Further details on the workshop (provisional agenda, venue and logistical information), including on the possible participants' contribution to the workshop will be communicated directly to the nominated expert in due course. Representatives from NGOs nominated by the Constituency Focal Point must register for the workshop using the Observer Registration Form for NGOs, which is sent to Constituency Focal Points. Confirmation by the Constituency Focal Point is provided for in the form. The Observer Registration Form should be sent by the Constituency Focal Point to the secretariat using the following email address: <cool@unfccc.int>

The deadline for registration as an observer is 22 February 2013. Please be advised that the secretariat may not be in a position to process observer registration forms for NGOs received after this deadline.

Please also note that participants are responsible for making their own travel, visa and medical insurance arrangements, as well as hotel bookings. Participants requiring visas for Tanzania, or transit visas, are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate consular authorities as soon as possible. A copy of this invitation may be attached to the visa request in order to facilitate issuance. If further assistance is required in obtaining visas, please contact the secretariat.

Should you require more information or wish to discuss matters relating to the workshop, please contact Ms. Rocio Lichte (rlichte@unfccc.int) and Ms. Rojina Manandhar (rmanandhar@unfccc.int) on substantive matters, and Ms. Alexandra Kriegsheim (akriegsheim@unfccc.int) on any logistical issues.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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