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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to complete two questionnaires

Dear Madam/Sir,

As part of the ongoing cooperation between the secretariats of the International Treaty and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) I have the pleasure to bring to your attention and request support for a project currently being implemented by the UNEP. The project is concerned with coherence and synergy in implementing the global biodiversity-related conventions, and is funded by the European Union, with additional support for some components from the Swiss Government.

There are two key elements to the project, and you should already have heard about one or both of these directly from UNEP.

The first element concerns the identification of opportunities and options for further enhancing cooperation at the global level through secretariats and their hosting bodies, and through the governance and advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions. There has been extensive discussion on possible ways and means for improving environmental governance over the years. In order to ensure that UNEP is able to take account of the views of as many people as possible in taking this discussion forward, I would appreciate it if you could complete the questionnaire that can be found at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_GlobalLevel

UNEP would appreciate responses to this questionnaire by the end of 6 June 2014, in order to prepare an analysis as a basis for discussion at a workshop later in the year.

The second element concerns the identification and sharing of best practice at the national level for achieving increased coherence in the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions. In order to ensure that UNEP is able to take account of the full breadth of existing experience in implementation of biodiversity-related conventions at the national level, and in particular efforts to implement a range of conventions in a coherent way, I would appreciate it if you could also complete the questionnaire that can be found at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_NationalLevel

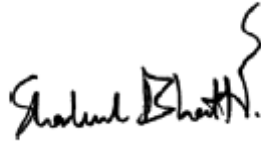
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UNEP would appreciate responses to this questionnaire by 9 May 2014, if possible, to allow initial analysis of the responses so that they can be discussed in the margins of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation.

Should you have any questions concerning the questionnaires or the project, please contact Margaret Oduk at UNEP (margaret.oduk@unep.org) directly.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shakeel Bhatti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture