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Invitation to the ninth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, 2 - 5 July 2019

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is with great pleasure that we draw your attention to the 9th Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, to be held in Trondheim, Norway from 2 to 5 July 2019. The 2019 Conference will address the challenges of achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, explore pathways for the transformational changes needed, and contribute to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The conference will be hosted by the Norwegian Government in close cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Collaboration and partnership is also being sought with other relevant UN entities and international institutions. The Conference is organized by the Norwegian Environment Agency.

Since their inception in 1993, the Trondheim Conferences aim to advance a knowledge-based dialogue on critical issues on the agenda of biodiversity within the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and beyond. The Conference of the Parties to the CBD to be held in Beijing in 2020 (COP 15) is expected to consider for adoption the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This will be done in the context of the 2050 Vision of "Living in Harmony with Nature" of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, while considering global trends that have an impact on biodiversity and ecosystems.

The 2019 Trondheim Conference will act as a global consultation workshop focusing on evidence from the natural, economic and social sciences and traditional knowledge systems that could feed into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The attention will also be drawn to relevant Sustainable Development Goals and related targets. The conference will provide input to the inter-sessional open-ended working group on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as to the meetings of CBD's subsidiary bodies on scientific and technical advice (SBSTTA) and on implementation (SBI) in 2019-2020 and other consultations as part of the post-2020 process.

The Conference will bring together up to 450 participants and we have the pleasure of inviting one participant from your organization. As the Conference aims to foster an exchange of ideas linked to results and transformative action, participating organizations are encouraged to send experts within biodiversity or from areas where biodiversity is a critical component - such as within the fields of food production, climate change mitigation and adaptation, health or risk and disaster prevention.

The Conference will be conducted in English. It will be interactive in its form; hence the participant should expect to contribute actively to sessions throughout. We may be able to provide financial

support to participants from eligible countries to attend. However, we have a limited budget, and this will have to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The deadline for registration is set for **28 February 2019**. Further information on the Conference, including on how to register electronically and how to obtain visas, is available on the Conference webpage (<http://www.trondheimconference.org>). On the webpage you will also find a list of invited international organisations and institutions, a draft program and a concept note for the conference. Further information can also be obtained by contacting the Conference Secretariat in the Norwegian Environment Agency at trondheimconference@miljodir.no.

We sincerely hope that you will be joining us in Trondheim in July to advance a knowledge-based cross-sectoral dialogue on these critical issues, which is expected to make an important contribution to the process of preparing for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15), to be held in Beijing in 2020.

Best regards
Norwegian Environment Agency

This document has been signed electronically

Ellen Hambro
Director General