NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/038

Geneva, 27 March 2023

CONCERNING:

UNIA Master's Course on Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: Advance information

1. The Secretariat is pleased to inform you that the International University of Andalusia (UNIA) is planning to organize the 15th edition of the Master's course on Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: The International Framework, to take place in 2024.

2. The general information about the UNIA Master's course can be found on the CITES Website at: https://cites.org/eng/prog/capacity_building/index.php. The page also contains information from the last edition of the course, including course structure, schedule, fees, scholarships, and application details.

3. As has been the case in the past, the CITES Secretariat hopes to be able to provide financial support to a limited number of course participants who are staff members of the CITES Management Authority, Scientific Authority, or the CITES enforcement focal point from developing country Parties. The financial support is subject to the availability of external funds.

4. The official announcement of the course will be made by UNIA in the coming months and will be published through a separate Notification to Parties. In the meantime, the CITES Secretariat is issuing the following two calls:

   a) **Call for financial support:** Parties and other stakeholders in a position to do so are invited to provide financial support for the course participants from developing countries. The support includes return airfare, per diem, on-campus accommodation, course fees, and other miscellaneous costs.

   b) **Call for nominations of course participants:** Developing country Parties are encouraged to inform the Secretariat in advance if they are interested in nominating a participant from their Management Authority, Scientific Authority, or enforcement agency, to enroll in the master’s course and in requesting for financial support. The selection of beneficiaries will be subject to acceptance by UNIA through its official application process, taking place in mid-2023.

5. Queries and responses to the above should be submitted to info@cites.org with the subject line: “Re: Notification No. 2023/038, UNIA Master’s Course 2024”.