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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Call for Expressions of Interest: Urban Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Seed Funds

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am pleased to announce the call for expressions of interest for the project "Catalyzing Unconventional Partnerships in the Global South for Urban Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)" in partnership with the EPIC-Network. The project aims to award seed grants of up to USD 37,500 and host in-person workshops to support four (4) EbA projects in Latin America and the Caribbean.

This project is funded by the Global EbA Fund. The Fund is financed by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and co-managed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and partners. The Global EbA Fund follows ODA-criteria, with institutions from the following countries eligible to apply: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Venezuela.

The details about **deadlines**, **eligibility**, **and application procedures** are available in **English**, **Spanish**, and **Portuguese** ¹.

This capacity-building and infrastructure funding opportunity aims to mitigate three key barriers to EbA projects; financial mechanisms, governance, and knowledge gaps. Applicants must implement a transdisciplinary (TD) approach and the EPIC Model (university/community partnerships). Flagship Ecosystems identified by the UN Decade on Restoration, particularly those contributing to food and livelihood security, disaster-risk reduction, water provisioning, and cultural identity, will be favored.

The IAI and EPIC-N invite IAI Parties, particularly those eligible as per ODA-criteria, and other interested individuals to an information session to be held via Zoom on **9 September 2024**, at 11:00 AM EST. Please register using the following link: https://epicn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 6xSulxlbSs0Nq8m

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This event will be conducted in Spanish with simultaneous English interpretation, recorded, and made available online for those unable to attend.

The IAI Directorate would be grateful if you could disseminate this information via your networks.

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

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