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Press Release: Signing of a Collaboration Agreement for the Monitoring and Conservation of Biodiversity in Guinea

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The Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Guinea, the Group on Earth Observation Biodiversity Observation Networks (GEO BON), the company Habitat and UPA Développement International (UPA-DI) announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the Biodiversity COP16.

*The signing ceremony will take place on **October 29, 2024 at 3:00 pm COT** at the **GEO BON Pavilion**, located in "Plaza 3" of the Centro de Eventos Valle del Pacifico in Cali, Colombia.*

This collaboration agreement aims to support Guinea in the implementation of key indicators for monitoring progress towards the goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).

This agreement confirms GEO BON's new vocation to offer support to organizations wishing to report on their impact on biodiversity, and will serve as an example for future collaborations.

**Key points of the agreement:**

- The agreement will enable Guinea to develop and report biodiversity monitoring indicators, evaluate the selection of new protected areas, and ensure the sustainability and transferability of results.
- GEO BON's "BON in a Box" tool, an open platform for calculating biodiversity indicators, will be used to facilitate the production and sharing of results.
- Habitat will develop workflows to assess the current state of biodiversity in Guinea, while GEO BON will help integrate these workflows into "BON in a Box".
- UPA-DI, which is already involved in Guinea through the Femmes Pro-Forêt project (Project for adaptation to climate change in the Moyen-Bafing National Park), will provide expertise and support in identifying datasets and coordinating stakeholders.

**Expected impacts:**

- Improved Guinean capacity to monitor and report on progress in biodiversity conservation.
- Strengthened capacity of Guinean institutions to analyze and manage biodiversity data.
- Availability of contributed indicators on the BON in a Box platform for the benefit of the international community.

**Call to the media:**

Media are invited to attend the signing ceremony and meet with representatives of partner organizations for interviews.

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**About the partners :**

The mission of the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development is to design, develop, implement and monitor government policy in the fields of the environment and sustainable development.

GEO BON is a global network of researchers dedicated to improving the acquisition, coordination and delivery of biodiversity information. In particular, it seeks to support countries in implementing the monitoring framework of the Global Framework for Biodiversity.

Habitat is a Montreal-based environmental solutions company specializing in biodiversity measurement, ecosystem services assessment and sustainable land management planning. Habitat's mission is to accelerate the ecological transition by guiding organizations towards practices that preserve biodiversity and strengthen their resilience in the face of climate change.

UPA Développement international (UPA-DI) is an organization that focuses on the development of family farming as a sustainable model combining economic, ecological, individual and collective interests. It focuses its support on democratic professional agricultural organizations (PAOs) and the structuring of the agricultural and agri-food sector in the regions where it operates.