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SUBJECT : Equator Prize 2015

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites government agencies and their partners to participate in the United Nation's call for nominations for the Equator Prize 2015. This global search is a worldwide outreach effort designed to identify local efforts to reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and address climate change.

This award is part of a partnership campaign to prioritize the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities at the upcoming UN Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP21) in Paris, France in December.

The Equator Prize will recognize 20 outstanding local climate solutions from across the developing world. Nominations are open for indigenous and community groups from 145 countries until 27 May 2015.

Areas of focus for this cycle of the prestigious award include recognizing indigenous peoples and local communities that are protecting, restoring and sustainably managing forests; promoting sustainable agriculture and food security; advancing community-based adaptation to climate change; securing rights to communal lands, territories and natural resources; and forging innovative partnerships for sustainable development.

Each of the 20 recipients of the Equator Prize 2015 – as selected by a committee of development experts and a jury of eminent persons will receive US\$10,000 and be supported to participate in a series of policy dialogues and special events at the UNFCCC COP21 in Paris.

For more information, you may visit www.equatorinitiatives.org.


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