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Ref: National Stakeholder Workshop  
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Dear Stakeholder,

### **RE: NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP FOR ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND EBA PRIORITY AREAS MAPPING**

As you may be aware, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) developed Climate Change Adaptation Plans for nine South African Biomes, which recommended four key responses that can be implemented at biome level in order to respond to the effects of climate change. The four key responses include: ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA), biodiversity stewardship, spatial planning and management approaches. Furthermore, DEA in collaboration with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) also developed the Strategic Framework and Overarching Implementation Plan for EbA (also known as the South African EbA Strategy), as well as EbA Guidelines, to advance the programme of work on biodiversity and climate change.

Moreover, DEA, through support from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), has developed a draft Action Plan for Climate Change Responses (including but not limited to ecosystem-based adaptation) in the nine South African biomes. This process also involves mapping of priority areas suitable for implementing climate change adaptation and EbA projects. Further to the aforementioned, provincial stakeholder consultations have been undertaken as part of the consultation process.

DEA would therefore like to request your support in the finalisation of the draft Action Plan and Priority area maps and thereby invites you to the National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop scheduled for 07 February 2019 at a venue to be confirmed in the near future, which will most likely be in the vicinity of the O.R. International Airport in Gauteng.

The precise purpose of the workshop is to solicit feedback from all key stakeholders on the draft Action Plan and Priority Areas Maps. The feedback will be an important step towards strengthening of the Action Plan and assessing its application and usefulness by interested and affected stakeholders.



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**NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP FOR ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND EBA PRIORITY AREAS MAPPING**

Kindly confirm your availability to attend this workshop, on or before Monday, 7th January 2019, by email to: Mr Peter Velcich [peter@nuleafsa.co.za](mailto:peter@nuleafsa.co.za) and Ms Nozipho Sibiya [nsibiya@environment.gov.za](mailto:nsibiya@environment.gov.za). For enquiries, please contact Ntando Mkhize on e-mail: [ncmkhize@environment.gov.za](mailto:ncmkhize@environment.gov.za); tel.: 012 399 9570 or mobile: 071 889 2190.

We look forward to your positive response in this regard.

Yours sincerely



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