Nature for Health – Invitation Letter

Your Excellency,

You are cordially invited to express your interest in becoming a Nature for Health Country Partner.

The Nature for Health (N4H) initiative aims to prevent future pandemics by fostering locally developed and integrated approaches to secure the health of people, animals and the environment. N4H will support interested, eligible countries/jurisdictions (including sub-national or regional entities) in implementing preventative One Health approaches.

In the selected countries/jurisdictions, N4H will provide technical support to generate an improved understanding of the links between biodiversity, climate and health. Based on this understanding, the initiative will support the collaborative development of locally relevant and cross-sectorally integrated policies and actions to prevent future pandemics and promote sustainable development. N4H will strengthen the capacity of countries to implement those policies and actions, and will support the development or strengthening of effective and lasting multi-sectoral governance structures.

To achieve these objectives, N4H’s approach will be to promote systemic and participatory approaches and develop local solutions to complex challenges. N4H will hold initial scoping workshops with core government stakeholders from different sectors, before opening up to engage with other critical stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academia, indigenous peoples and local communities. The period of active support is expected to last for approximately three years. While governments are not eligible to receive direct funding from the initiative, N4H Consortium Partners will cover the costs of this process with a budget of up to US$2 million per jurisdiction.

Under the current funding window, the N4H initiative will take a phased approach over the next eight years, beginning with selected jurisdictions where biodiversity is under threat and there are substantial risks of zoonotic disease spillover. Over subsequent years, N4H will work in additional locations to bring the total number of supported countries or regions to 16-18. N4H will also share experiences across supported jurisdictions to catalyse learning and enable further action.

Through an initial contribution of EUR 50 million from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) via Germany’s International Climate Initiative (IKI), N4H brings together leading UN agencies, Intergovernmental organizations and civil society groups in the field of environment and health, namely United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), the United Nations Development Programme

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