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Dear friends at Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch,

On behalf of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Equator Initiative partnership, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch has been chosen as one of the 20 winners of the Equator Prize 2019. We commend you on the remarkable work of your initiative. Congratulations!

The level of competition for the Equator Prize 2019 was extraordinarily high. We received a total of 847 nominations from 127 countries. Following a four-stage peer-review process, the Technical Advisory Committee selected Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch as one of the winners as an outstanding example of a local, nature-based solution to climate change and sustainable development.

As a winner, Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch will receive \$10,000 USD. The Equator Prize 2019 will be awarded at a high-profile event on Tuesday, 24 September 2019, at the Town Hall theatre in New York City. We would like to invite two representatives (at least one woman) from Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch to attend the Equator Prize 2019 Award Ceremony. These individuals will also participate in community dialogue workshops in the days before and after the Award Ceremony. The Equator Initiative will cover participants' travel and accommodation, as well as provide a daily allowance to cover additional expenses.

The official announcement of the Equator Prize 2019 winners is scheduled for 5 June 2019. We therefore request that you keep this letter and news **confidential** until that date.

My colleagues Anna Giulia Medri and Martin Sommerschuh will be in touch with you shortly to facilitate the participation of the selected individuals, and to start preparations for a visit to your community by a team of videographers sometime between June 22 and July 16. This will require immediate action from your end.

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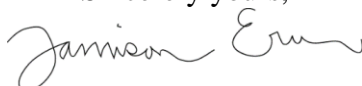
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At your earliest convenience, please:

- Confirm receipt of this notification;
- Designate a key representative for further contact and correspondence;
- Designate two community representatives (at least one woman) who will represent your initiative in September in New York. We strongly encourage the participation of women.
- As we are looking to tell the initiative's story in partnership with the community, please let us know if there are videos and photos about the work of your initiative that have been produced in the past, and if so, how these can be accessed.
- We will produce a short video on the achievements of your organization, which will be shown at the Equator Prize Award Ceremony on September 24, and circulated further on a variety of channels. A team of producers and videographers would like to visit your community for this purpose for about 4 to 5 days sometime between June 22 and July 16, and we are hoping for the community's support for this visit. To enable us to collect video footage and produce the videos in short order, we would like to make immediate contact with the key representative. In addition, please designate an individual who may serve as community liaison for this project. Ideally, this person would be interested in learning more about videography (or already have experience in this field), would be available and willing to help the production process during the team's visit, would coordinate with community members, and would be able to communicate in English and help with interpretation from the local language.

Once more, congratulations on your exemplary achievements. We look forward to working with you to bring the success of Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch to the world's attention at the UN General Assembly, the Secretary-General's Climate Summit, and beyond.

Sincerely yours,



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