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Dear ...

On behalf of the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment (VROM) of the Government of the Netherlands and the GDM 2010 Initiative Steering Committee, I have the honour to invite you to the 2nd Expert Workshop on a Green Development Mechanism which will take place on 22-23 February in Bali, Indonesia.

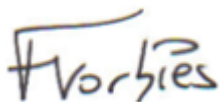
Attached is an overview of the workshop and a draft agenda. This workshop - with its focus on the development case for a green development mechanism (gdm) - will play a critical role in the conceptualisation of a gdm under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The objective of the workshop is to learn from the experiences of developing countries, to understand their needs, to make appropriate suggestions regarding the modalities of a gdm in a developing country context, and to recommend elements for a gdm decision by the 10th Conference of the Parties of the CBD which will take place in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan. In this respect, your active participation in this meeting will be highly valued.

Please note that your accommodation and meals for the duration of the workshop will be provided. To confirm your attendance, please reply to Sarah French at: sfrench@earthmind.net.

We are very much looking forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,



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Director

Workshop website: <http://gdm.earthmind.net/2010-02-bali>