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Dear Khristine,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to participate at the Inception Workshop of the GEF IW:LEARN project: "Strengthening IW Portfolio Delivery and Impact", which will be held on 10-11 March 2011 in hotel Crowne Plaza, Hodzovo nam.2, Bratislava, Slovakia.

The third phase of the GEF IW:LEARN project has been approved in December 2010 and will be jointly implemented by UNDP and UNEP during January 2011 –June 2014. The main objective of the project is to strengthen global portfolio experience sharing and learning, dialogue facilitation, targeted knowledge sharing and replication in order to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of GEF IW projects to deliver tangible results in partnership with other IW initiatives.

The objectives of the Inception Workshop are to fine-tune the overall workplan for the IW:LEARN3 project, plan the activities of the 1st year, confirm M&E plan and results framework as well as to discuss cooperation with other ongoing water-related initiatives of project partners. This workshop will be attended by representatives of all project partners involved in the project implementation as well as the key project stakeholder.

The draft agenda of the meeting, registration form and logistic note are enclosed. Additional documentation relevant to the Inception Workshop and the Agenda updates will be posted at the IW:Learn community workspace in due course. We kindly ask you to send back the filled registration form at your earliest convenience, but not later than on 23rd February 2011. In case you would like us to invite another delegates of your organization, please provide us with names (including title and contacts) immediately.

For any further information, please contact Ms. Marcela Fabianova (marcela.fabianova@undp.org, +421-2-59337 178).

Yours sincerely,

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