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## International Workshop on Higher Resolution Land Cover Mapping for the African Continent

Organizers: RCMRD, UNEP, Tsinghua University, and U.S. Department of the Interior

Dates: June 19-27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Dear \*\*\*,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the International Workshop on Higher Resolution Land Cover Mapping for the African Continent, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya from June 19 -27th, 2013, I am pleased to invite you to attend this important meeting.

This workshop will cover four major objectives:

- Discuss, demonstrate and review the methods, qualities, innovations and technical issues involved in the new global LULC mapping products.
- Discuss and develop a plan for validating and improving the 30 m land cover map product over the African continent.
- Define regional training needs for building capacity to improve the national and regional land cover datasets for Africa.
- Discuss data sharing and applications for the high resolution global land cover map for carbon cycling, biodiversity monitoring (particularly Aichi Targets) greenhouse gas monitoring, and other environmental issues.

We would highly appreciate it if you could prioritize your time to attend this workshop. We understand that your international travel and lodging expenses will be covered by your institute. Hotel and venue information will be provided later. If you need any help, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Caroline Mureithi (Tel: 254 20 762 3730; Email: caroline.mureithi@unep.org)

We look forward to seeing you in Nairobi.

Sincerely yours,

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