

Model letter of intent for a prospective GBIF ‘Other Associate Participant’ (Organization or economy)

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Dear Dr. Abrahamse,

[Name of organization/economy] wishes to become an Associate Participant in the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF).

We understand that according to the MoU, the category of Other Associate Participants relates to intergovernmental organizations, international organizations, other organizations with an international scope and economies. [The organization/economy] falls into this category for the following reasons: [list reasons with supporting documentation if appropriate]

We confirm [the organization/economy] is in principle in agreement with the non-binding intentions listed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to encourage free and open access and use of biodiversity data, to participate actively in the implementation of the GBIF Work Programme, and to establish a Participant Node where appropriate.

In accordance with Paragraph 3 (3) (c) of the MoU, [the organization/economy] intends actively to contribute to achievement of GBIF’s overall purpose and some of its goals in the following ways:

[briefly list the ways in which the organization/economy will contribute to GBIF’s overall purpose and some of its goals – referring to Paragraph 3 (1) of the MoU]

We also understand that Other Associate Participants are not eligible to become Voting Participants, and that the category is not limited in time.

Please send a copy of the MoU for signature to the following address:

[name and postal address of the contact person]

Yours sincerely,

Please refer all correspondence to: [contact person], email and phone number.