

## The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa announces its funding programme for environmental and development charities in 2017

LONDON (2017) – Following its annual Meeting of Trustees on 30 July 2017, the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA) has announced a programme of £425,920 in new grants.

The 2017 funding programme will give support to: BirdLife International's 'Spring Alive Project' which promotes children's interest in nature conservation through the tracking of bird migration; Earthwatch Institute's 'Public Events & Conferences Programme' which aims to raise public awareness about environmental conservation; SolarAid's 'Light up Uganda Project' which distributes solar lights in Uganda to give people access to clear and affordable energy; Springboard Entrepreneurship Development Initiative's 'Organic Farm and Community Enterprise Training Project' to build on its work providing farming and entrepreneurship training to young people in Nigeria; Sustainable Fisheries Partnership's 'Fisheries in West Africa Project' to support its work promoting solution-based approaches to fisheries improvement in Morocco and Mauritania; Renewable World's 'Lighting up Lake Victoria Project' to continue its work to provide renewable energy systems to off-grid communities; United Purpose's 'Conserving Shea Trees for Sustainable Lives Project' which aims to protect the Shea tree by strengthening education whilst giving communities in Ghana access to markets at fair prices; International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s 'Valuing Natural Capital Project' which educates farmers, businesses and local authorities in Tanzania on valuing their resources to help develop sustainable agricultural production into the future; Rainforest Alliance's 'Sustainable Cocoa Farming Project' which aims to train farmers in Côte d'Ivoire on sustainable agricultural practices and climate change resilience; and Forum for the Future's 'School for Systems Change Project' which will deliver an international learning programme to educate professionals on sustainability issues.

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## About the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa

The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA) is a charitable foundation established in 1992 by Mitsubishi Corporation and its UK-based subsidiary Mitsubishi Corporation International (Europe) Plc. Over a period spanning more than two decades, the MCEFA has been engaging with a wide variety of partner organisations throughout Europe and Africa, supporting innovative projects that align with its central aims of: the promotion of environmental conservation; the support of environmental education and research; and the alleviation of poverty.

## **About Mitsubishi Corporation**

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