



Moderated online discussions on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Dear Madam/Sir,

In [decision 15/5](#), the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework which comprises, among other things, a set of headline, binary, component and complementary indicators. In this decision, the COP also decided to consider a review of the monitoring framework in order to finish its development. To this end, the COP decided to establish an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG), with a time-bound mandate until the sixteenth meeting of the COP, to advise on the further operationalization of the monitoring framework. As communicated through notification [2023-040](#), the membership of this AHTEG has been established, and at its first meeting, the AHTEG elected Ms. Maria Cecilia Londoño Murcia (Colombia) and Mr. James Williams (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as its co-chairs. Further information on the AHTEG is available at <https://www.cbd.int/gbf/monitoring/ind/>.

Also in decision 15/5, the Executive Secretary was requested, in collaboration with the AHTEG, and subject to the availability of resources, to convene moderated online discussions on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the co-chairs of the AHTEG, has developed an online discussion forum where information and comments related to the monitoring framework can be provided. Participants are invited to provide views on specific indicators, as well as to provide overarching comments on issues related to capacity building or the operationalization of the monitoring framework.

The online discussion forum is accessible from <https://www.cbd.int/gbf/monitoring/ind/forum/>. In order to participate in the discussion forum, users will need to create a CBD account, if they have not already done so, and sign in to the Convention's website. Submissions provided through the discussion forum will be publicly accessible and will serve as a source of information for the AHTEG. The discussion forum has been designed to be interactive and thus participants in the forum are invited to share documents, views or comments, as well as to respond to information shared by others.

I look forward to your active participation in the online discussions.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, ABS national focal points, Cartagena Protocol national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations

