



## NOTIFICATION

**Resumed second part of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization  
(the resumed Meetings)  
19-20 October 2023 – Nairobi, Kenya**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notification [2023-081](#), the Secretariat has received confirmation of attendance from a minimum of 131 Parties that they would be represented in the planned resumed second part of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (the resumed Meetings). Accordingly, I am pleased to confirm that the resumed Meetings will take place on 19-20 October 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya, immediately after the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 25).

The Secretariat is carrying out the necessary preparations; the provisional agenda and its annotations for the resumed Meetings will be made available in the coming days.

### ***Credentials***

I would like to thank Parties that have already submitted their credentials or confirmed, through a Note Verbale, the validity of previous credentials submitted for the Meetings in December 2022. I urge those that have not yet done so, to submit their credentials, in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, in original form as soon as possible or at the latest by 15 October 2023, or to confirm through a Note Verbale, issued by a senior official in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Party concerned, that the credentials submitted for the Meetings in December 2022 remain valid.

### ***Funding***

Please be informed that financial resources are available for delegates from developing country Parties to the Convention, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, who have specifically requested financial support for their participation in SBSTTA 25 and are also nominated for the resumed Meetings and issued with valid credentials by their respective Governments. It is important to note that funding is not available for representatives who have the intention to participate only in the resumed Meetings.

### ***Briefing sessions***

The Secretariat will conduct briefing sessions regarding the organization of the forthcoming resumed Meetings prior to the dates of the resumed Meetings. A one-hour virtual briefing session will be held on **Tuesday, 26 September 2023 at 8:00 a.m. EDT**. To participate in this session, please register through this link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-1pK79SmSoys-mNDBqIf4Q#/registration](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-1pK79SmSoys-mNDBqIf4Q#/registration).

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



Kindly note that an in-person briefing session will also be held in the margins of SBSTTA 25 in Nairobi. Date and time will be communicated in due course.

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

*(Signed)* David **Cooper**  
Acting Executive Secretary