

NOTIFICATION
Invitation to submit relevant information on cooperation
with conventions and international organizations

Dear Sir or Madam,

In its decision [16/35](#) on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments, governing bodies, conventions and organizations to enhance cooperation at international, national and subnational levels. In paragraph 23 e), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the cooperation activities mentioned in the decision.

To support the timely preparation of a progress report on cooperation to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting (SBI-6), the Secretariat is inviting information on actions, activities and initiatives that support implementation of relevant paragraphs of decision [16/35](#), as outlined in Annex to this notification.

The progress report will also cover information on cooperation provided to the Secretariat through other means, such as relevant notifications, and through collaboration with other organizations such as the United Nations Environment Programme.

Submissions should be made before **20 November 2025**, through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism using this [link](#). Should technical problems prevent the use of the clearing-house mechanism portal, contributions may be sent through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support for the work of the Convention and its Protocols.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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

Annex

Actions, activities and initiatives on cooperation

Parties, other Governments, governing bodies, Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions other relevant multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and organizations, are invited to submit information on actions, activities and initiatives on cooperation mentioned in decision [16/35](#), including examples of:

International level

- Decisions/guidance of governing bodies of other conventions and organizations that support implementation or monitoring of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) (paragraph 1);
- cooperation in the implementation of Target 7, in particular between governing bodies of the chemicals and waste conventions, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other relevant conventions and organizations (paragraph 19);
- synergies and cooperation among and between conventions and organizations in the implementation of other KMGBF targets and/or elements of Section C of the Framework (paragraphs 6, 10, 12, 20);

National level:

- synergies and cooperation in the implementation of the Rio Conventions and other relevant conventions and MEAs, in accordance with national circumstances and priorities (paragraph 5);
- alignment of forest-related commitments and actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and voluntary national contributions with the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 (paragraph 7);
- alignment of water-related voluntary commitments and actions set out in the Water Action Agenda 2018–2028 with national biodiversity strategies and action plans (paragraph 8);
- promotion of synergies through information exchange among existing programmes, projects, and activities of other United Nations agencies to jointly further enhance and streamline their contribution under the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity (paragraph 21);
- actions to implement the international initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition¹⁰, and of collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the implementation of the initiative (paragraph 22);
- implementation of options for action at the national level provided in the Bern III Conference [report](#), decision [XIII/24](#) (paragraph 26) and decision [16/35](#), *inter alia*:
 - o awareness raising of ongoing process for the update or revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans across various national policy and planning processes, sustainable development strategies, including for poverty eradication, and policy instruments relevant to MEA implementation (paragraph 14);
 - o collaboration among focal points of various conventions and MEAs in, the preparation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans or national reports (paragraph 16 and decision XIII/24, annex 1, section B1);
 - o awareness raising that enhances knowledge and understanding of the potential benefits of synergies, and information-sharing (paragraph 15);
 - o coordination processes, mechanisms or approaches to support collaboration among the national focal points of the Convention and its Protocols and national focal points of other conventions or organizations (paragraph 17);
- cooperation through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, including by engaging and strengthening the capacity of subnational and local governments (paragraph 18);

International and national levels:

- other actions at international and national levels, including actions proposed in the report of the Bern III Conference presented to SBI-4 through [CBD/SBI/4/INF/15](#).

¹⁰ Decision [VIII/23](#)