

**NOTIFICATION**  
**Registration for the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 6),**  
**16-19 February 2026 – Rome, Italy**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 6) will take place on 16-19 February 2026 at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Headquarters in Rome, Italy, and will be preceded by regional consultations on 15 February 2026.

The provisional agenda for the meeting and its annotations, as approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, are available at the following webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-06>. Pre-session and relevant documentation for the meeting will be made available on the same webpage once finalized.

An “Information Note for Participants” for the meeting has been posted on the meeting webpage which will be updated as new information becomes available.

Please note that there will be no side events during the SBI 6 meeting.

A workshop on resource mobilization is being planned in the week of 10 February 2026, prior to the opening of SBI 6. Further information will be communicated by a separate notification once the funding and logistics arrangements are confirmed.

**Governments**

**a) Nominations**

The designation of representatives to attend the SBI 6 meeting should be submitted through an official letter of nomination addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, sent as a scanned e-mail attachment to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), by **31 December 2025**.

For the online registration process, focal points of Parties and other Governments will receive the online registration link by e-mail. Early registration is encouraged.

**b) Financial support**

In line with COP decision 16/28, paragraphs 32 and 33, and subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), the Secretariat hopes to be in a position to finance the participation of up to two representatives per eligible Party, i.e. those that are developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition.

Eligible Parties to the Convention wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of the name(s) and contact information of the designated representative(s) to receive financial support, indicating the order of funding priority between the two representatives, as soon as possible but no later **8 December 2025**, through an **official letter** addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary. In order for travel arrangements to comply with the UN rules and regulations, funding requests submitted after the above deadline cannot be guaranteed.

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

In view of the very limited funding available so far for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), Parties are encouraged, as much as possible, to identify other sources of funding for the participation of their representatives.

### **Organizations**

#### ***a) Nominations***

The designation of representatives from accredited organizations to attend the SBI 6 meeting should be submitted through an official letter of nomination addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, sent as a scanned e-mail attachment to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), by **31 December 2025**.

For online registration, the link to complete the online registration will be sent upon receipt of the nomination letter. Early registration is encouraged.

#### ***b) Indigenous peoples and local communities***

In accordance with the criteria for the operations of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Trust Fund), and subject to the availability of funds, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities are invited to submit a request for financial assistance for consideration in relation to the meeting, at their earliest convenience but no later than **25 November 2025**. Only applications from accredited organizations to the CBD from indigenous peoples and local communities will be given due consideration.

New organizations from indigenous peoples and local communities seeking funding should, as a first step, submit their accreditation requests by **18 November 2025**. Further information on the voluntary funding mechanism process can be found [here](#).

In view of the very limited funding available so far for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (VB), representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities are encouraged, as much as possible, to identify other sources of funding for the participation of their representatives.

A list of beneficiaries from the indigenous peoples and local communities will be communicated via notification and selected participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat regarding the necessary arrangements.

Due to visa processing times, we kindly urge delegates who will require a Schengen visa to submit their nomination letter to the Secretariat and complete the online registration as soon as possible, in order to receive the Priority Pass and visa support letter for inclusion in the visa application.

I look forward to your participation in the SBI 6 meeting in Rome.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary