

NOTIFICATION

**Update on the Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the Fifth 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**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform Parties and observers that the Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the Fifth 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 Meetings) will be held in Colombia from 21 October to 1 November 2024.

Following the decision of the Republic of Türkiye to withdraw from hosting and presiding over the Meetings, due to a force majeure situation created by the three destructive earthquakes that occurred in February 2023, and further to consideration of this matter by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat issued [notification 2023-082](#) on 31 July 2023, inviting interested Parties to express their interest to host the Meetings. Subsequently, the Conference of the Parties, at its resumed fifteenth meeting in October 2023, requested the Executive Secretary to expedite consultations with Parties in this regard.

Further to such consultations, the Government of Colombia has made an offer to host the Meetings. At its meeting on 15 December 2023, the Bureau accepted this offer.

The Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the Government of Colombia for its leadership, and looks forward to working closely with the host country officials, as well as the Bureau, to ensure the smooth preparation of the Meetings.

These Meetings collectively will also be known as the “UN Biodiversity Conference 2024”. Further information on the agenda and other logistical arrangements will be communicated in due course.

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

*(Signed)* David Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

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

