



NOTIFICATION

Call for nominations for a workshop to develop a road map for supporting the implementation and monitoring of and capacity development for ecosystem restoration under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework 22–24 November 2023 – Rome, Italy

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform Parties and stakeholders that a workshop on capacity development to support the implementation and monitoring of ecosystem restoration, with a focus on creating synergies in achieving Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the implementation of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030), is being jointly convened by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme, to be held from 22 to 24 November 2023, at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

The workshop is made possible through the financial and technical support of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, supported by the Korea Forest Service of the Republic of Korea, the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration supported by the International Climate Initiative of Germany, and the AIM4Forests programme supported by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Building on the collective achievements of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, the workshop aims to:

- Enhance understanding of ecosystem restoration planning, monitoring and implementation and setting targets in national biodiversity strategies and action plans.
- Share country experiences and identify capacity needs.
- Discuss the headline indicator of Target 2 for areas under restoration and its qualifiers, and progress toward transparent and effective monitoring.
- Present the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring (FERM) for transparent monitoring and reporting of ecosystem restoration.
- Discuss tools, initiatives and best practices for implementing effective ecosystem restoration and a road map for supporting the achievement of Target 2 in a cooperative manner.
- Review and discuss a resource manual for achieving Target 2.
- Reinforce the linkages of ecosystem restoration to other targets of the Framework and synergies with targets of other multilateral environmental agreements.

Accordingly, Parties, other Governments, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth groups, and relevant organizations and initiatives are invited to nominate one representative to take part in the workshop. The nomination of an expert should be made by means of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and signed by the national focal point to the Convention or head of organization. The letter should include the nominee's name, full contact details and curriculum vitae, clearly highlighting his or her area of expertise and experience. Nominations should be sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible but no later than **30 September 2023**.

To: CBD and SBSTTA national focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant global and regional organizations and initiatives



The selection of participants will be conducted by the Secretariat and will be based on a review of expertise and experience relevant to ecosystem restoration, with due consideration given to gender balance and equitable geographical representation. The selected nominees from eligible Parties and a limited number of representatives from indigenous peoples and local communities, and women and youth groups will receive financial support from the CBD Secretariat and FAO to facilitate their participation in the workshop.

Please note that travel of funded participants will be arranged by FAO, and therefore, the above-noted deadline for submission of nominations will be adhered to by the Secretariat.

The workshop will be conducted in English, with simultaneous interpretation in French and Spanish. Documents pertaining to the workshop will be posted on the Convention website in due course.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

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

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