



NOTIFICATION

Reminder on Credentials: Resumed Meetings 19-20 October 2023 – Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notifications [2023-081](#) and [2023-097](#), this is a kind reminder concerning the submission of credentials from those Parties that have confirmed their attendance in the 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), that will take place on 19-20 October 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya.

I would like to once again 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 wish to highlight that the resumed Meetings will consider the remaining agenda items of the Meetings in December 2022 that include the item on “Election of officers”. Only Parties present at the resumed Meetings whose representatives have submitted valid credentials can take part in the decision-taking process, including election of officers through secret ballot. Representatives of Parties that already submitted valid credentials for participation in the Meetings in December 2022 may confirm, through a Note Verbale, that these credentials remain valid for the purpose of the resumed Meetings in Nairobi. Such Note Verbale should be issued by a senior official in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Party concerned and must be sent to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

To assist the Secretariat in ensuring the smooth preparations for the resumed Meetings, I strongly urge those Parties that have not yet done so, to submit their credentials, in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, in **original form**, and/or Note Verbale as appropriate, as soon as possible. For ease of reference, model templates for credentials are available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-15/cop-credentials-template-en.docx>. Please send an advance scanned copy of your credentials to the Secretariat as soon as it is ready, and make sure to bring the original hard copy to Nairobi to submit to Secretariat staff at the registration area in the meeting venue.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

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