



**NOTIFICATION**

**Webinar to celebrate 10 years of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative  
on the occasion of the International Day of Forests  
21 March 2024, online**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations and initiatives to participate in a webinar entitled “Celebrating 10 years of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative on the occasion of the International Day of Forests”, to be held online on 21 March 2024, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The webinar is being convened by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea, through the Korea Forest Service and the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative. The Initiative was launched in 2014 during the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Korea, to respond to the need for capacity-building on forest ecosystem restoration. It is implemented by the Secretariat, together with the Korea Forest Service and partner organizations.

The webinar is aimed at:

- (a) Celebrating the support that the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative has provided to countries over the past 10 years for achieving globally agreed goals, including through the small-scale funding of catalytic restoration projects, as well as through developing tools with partners and providing outreach and technical support through workshops.
- (b) Seeking views from participants on their vision of capacity development for the future implementation of the Initiative, in the light of the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

The webinar, which will be held in English, is targeted at representatives of Parties to the Convention, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant global and regional organizations and initiatives interested in ecosystem restoration and forest biodiversity conservation.

Please click [here](#) to register. Further information, including relevant documents, will be made available on the webinar webpage at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/ECR-OM-2024-01>.

I look forward to your active participation in the webinar.

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

*(Signed)* David Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

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

