



NOTIFICATION

Extension of Deadline: Fifth Call for Proposals under the Bio-Bridge Initiative

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference is made to [notification 2024-001](#), issued on 3 January 2024, inviting developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, as well as relevant stakeholders, to submit proposals under the fifth round of technical and scientific cooperation projects under the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI). I wish to thank those that have already submitted proposals and invite those who have not yet done so, to send their submissions as soon as possible. Furthermore, I am pleased to inform you that the deadline for submission of proposals has been extended to **22 March 2024**.

The [criteria and procedure](#) to be used in the selection process are available on the [BBI website](#). As noted in the selection criteria, the proposals must be aligned with the [vision and mission of BBI](#) and should, among other things, contribute to the following:

- (i) Support countries in their efforts to achieve the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework targets as indicated in relevant National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans;
- (ii) Seek to establish long-term cooperation between **two or more countries** on technical and scientific matters, including joint research and development of technical and scientific innovative solutions to address the key drivers of biodiversity loss; and
- (iii) Facilitate the transfer of technologies and/or exchange of specialized knowledge and know-how through institutional collaboration.

Relevant government institutions from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, as well as major stakeholders, especially organizations representing indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, are invited to submit proposals by filling out the [Seed Funding Proposal Form](#) and sending it by e-mail to: bbiproposals@cbd.int before the extended deadline specified above. Implementation of the selected projects is anticipated to start in the second half of 2024.

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, SBSTTA national focal points, Clearing-House Mechanism national focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations

