



NOTIFICATION

Invitation to provide comments, and register for webinars, on the guidance on using the indicators of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework provided by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators

Dear Sir or Madam,

In its decision [15/5](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and established the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators to advise on the further operationalization of the monitoring framework. The Expert Group provided an update on its work to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fifth meeting, and the final outcomes of its work are being made available to the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting.

In its recommendation 25/1, the Subsidiary Body requested the Expert Group to make the revised metadata for each indicator, in particular on headline indicators that do not have an existing methodology and additional explanatory information on the list of binary questions, including guidance on the methodologies that will be used to compile the global indicators based on the binary responses, the thresholds for responding to the questions and a glossary of key terms, available in due time for review by the Parties before the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, and requested the Executive Secretary to compile and make available the views received from Parties.

The aforementioned information is included in document [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/14: Guidance on using the indicators of the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#). A number of other information documents, which were used by the Expert Group to develop this guidance, have also been made available for the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting.

Further to recommendation 25/1, I am pleased to invite Parties to submit their views on the guidance document as soon as possible but no later than **3 May 2024**. Submissions should be made [using the template](#) and submitted through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism using the following link: <https://chm.cbd.int/submit/submission/new?notification=2024-033>. Should technical problems prevent the use of the clearing-house mechanism, contributions can be sent through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

The Secretariat will make all views received available online and will share, in consultation with the co-chairs of the Expert Group, a summary of comments as an additional information document for the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

I am also pleased to announce that the Expert Group is coordinating a series of informational webinars, in April and May 2024, to describe and discuss the outcomes of the Expert Group. Please consult the timetable, currently in development, at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/indicators-ahteg/webinars>. The first webinar, to be held on **9 April 2024**, will provide a general introduction to the process and outcomes of the Expert Group. All webinars will be recorded and made available on SBSTTA 26 webpage. There will also be an [information workshop](#) on the work of the ad hoc technical expert groups on indicators, synthetic biology and risk assessment, to be held on 11 May 2024 in Nairobi, with online participation possible for participants not in Nairobi.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

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cc: Indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant organizations