

NOTIFICATION**Follow-up to decisions adopted by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on Biological Diversity****Overview of intersessional meetings for the biennium 2025–2026**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The purpose of the present notification is to provide information on planned intersessional meetings for the biennium 2025–2026 in light of the decisions adopted at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP 16). Notifications on the intersessional meetings relating to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing were issued, respectively, as notifications [2025-063](#) and [2025-068](#).

Intersessional meetings for the biennium 2025-2026

The following intersessional meetings in support of the implementation of the Convention are planned to take place:

1. Meetings of open-ended subsidiary bodies of the Convention**2025**

- Twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-27), 20-24 October 2025, Panama City
- First meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, 27-30 October 2025, Panama City

2026

- Sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-6), 16-19 February 2026, Rome
- Twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-28), July/August 2026 (tentative)
- Seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-7), July/August 2026 (tentative)
- UN Biodiversity Conference 2026, fourth quarter of 2026, Yerevan, comprising:
 - Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 17)
 - Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (CP COP-MOP 12); and
 - Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (NP COP-MOP 6).

2. Expert meetings, advisory committees and other intersessional processes**2025**

- Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (commenced its work in April 2025)

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

- Meetings of the Informal Advisory Group on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (Q3 2025 and Q1 2026)
- Expert workshop on opportunities for specific areas of scientific and technical work conducted under the Convention to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (Q4 2025 or Q2 2026), venue TBD
- First meeting of the Steering Committee of the multilateral mechanism, including the global fund (16-18 June 2025), online
- Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment, 8 to 11 July 2025, Montreal
- Second meeting of the Steering Committee of the multilateral mechanism, including the global fund, 3-6 September 2025, Bonn, Germany
- First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (Q3 2025, tentative), online

2026

- Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (Q1 2026, tentative), venue TBD
- Regional workshop to facilitate the description, and modification of descriptions, of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (Q1 2026), venue TBD
- First meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Allocation Methodology (January 2026, tentative)
- Third meeting of the Steering Committee of the multilateral mechanism, including the global fund (March 2026, tentative)
- Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Allocation Methodology (May 2026, tentative)

Where applicable, the Secretariat will invite submissions, in due course, in preparation for intersessional meetings. Additional information will be provided by means of notifications and in the online calendar of meetings (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/>).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for the work of the Convention and look forward to your continued cooperation.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary