



**NOTIFICATION**  
**Briefing Webinars on the Launch of the Second Programming Tranche of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) - Starting 11 August 2025**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have the honour to bring to your attention a notification issued on 7 July 2025 by Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), regarding the launch of the second programming tranche of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF).

This new tranche will make available USD 161.8 million in resources for programming. In line with the GBFF [Policy on Allocation of Resources](#), these funds will be allocated in a country-driven manner through two consecutive selection rounds, open to all eligible countries. Each country may submit funding requests up to its available [maximum allocation](#) for this tranche.

As with the first programming tranche, the selection process will consist of two successive rounds:

1. **First Round** – A special round for **Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs)**, and submissions through **International Financial Institutions (IFIs)**, open from **11 August to 12 September 2025**. Funding decisions will be communicated by **14 November 2025**.
2. **Second Round** – Open to all eligible countries and agencies, from 27 October to 12 December 2025, with decisions to be announced by 2 March 2026.

To support relevant Parties in preparing for these rounds, the GEF Secretariat will host a series of **briefing webinars** for GEF Operational Focal Points, CBD Focal Points, and GEF Agencies, as follows:

- **English Sessions:**
  - Tuesday, 15 July 2025 at 10:00 a.m. EDT
  - Thursday, 17 July 2025 at 2:00 a.m. EDT
- **Spanish Session:**
  - Tuesday, 15 July 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT
- **Arabic Session:**
  - Wednesday, 16 July 2025 at 9:00 a.m. EDT
- **French Session:**
  - Thursday, 17 July 2025 at 10:00 a.m. EDT

**Registration** for the webinars is available [at this link](#). Upon registration, participants will receive an automatic email with access details for the selected session(s).

I trust these sessions will be of great value and look forward to your active participation.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

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

