



NOTIFICATION
Logistical information: SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1 meetings

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to provide some logistical information about the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-27) that will be held from 20 to 24 October 2025, back-to-back with the 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 (SB8J-1), from 27 to 30 October 2025, and will be hosted by the Government of Panama.

I am pleased to inform you that the “Information Note for Participants” for the meetings is now available and accessible under “Info links” on [SBSTTA-27](#) and [SB8J-1](#) webpages. In that regard, I wish to draw your attention to the following:

- (1) **Venue:** The venue of the meetings will be:

Atlapa Convention Center / Centro de Convenciones de Atlapa
Av. 5B Sur
Panamá City, Panamá
Tel: +507 526-7200
Website: <https://www.atlapa.gob.pa/en>

It should be noted that the workshop on IPBES assessments on 18 October 2025 will be held at the same venue.

- (2) **Registration:** To complete the online registration process, if not yet done so, representatives of Parties, other Governments and accredited organizations are requested to send their **official letter of nomination** to the Secretariat as soon as possible.
- (3) **Visa:** Please note that the Government of Panama has waived the visa fee to enter Panama.

Important: The e-visa portal will be operational starting 18 August 2025.

For registered delegates that require an entry visa to Panama, please refer to the visa section of the Information Note for Participants (see above link), which includes a **visa guide** with detailed information on how to initiate the e-visa process. **Please read the visa guide carefully.**

Please also be informed that, regardless of whether a Panamanian Embassy or Consulate is present in your country, registered delegates that require entry visa to Panama are encouraged to apply directly through the e-visa portal to avoid delays.

To ensure sufficient time for review and processing of visa applications, it is recommended to apply for visa as early as possible, and no later than one month before the start of the meetings.

Kindly note that the Information Note for Participants will be updated as details become available. Participants are therefore encouraged to check back regularly for new updates.

I thank you for your kind attention to the above matters.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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

