

**NOTIFICATION****Reminder and extension of deadline: Submission of views on options to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in connection with notification [2025-112](#) on the submission of views on options to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols, pursuant to decisions COP 16/25, CP-11/5 and NP-5/10.

To allow for additional time to submit views, I am pleased to extend the deadline for submission to **21 October 2025**.

I take this opportunity to once again draw attention to paragraph 15 of the respective decisions, which request the Executive Secretary to enable consultations with Parties, Bureau members, partners and stakeholders, with the support of qualified external experts in the field, as appropriate, to continue to develop options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols, and to submit such proposals for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting, with a view to developing draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, respectively, taking into account [recommendation 4/12](#) of 29 May 2024 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, including the compilation of submissions contained in annex II to the recommendation.

When submitting their views, and to facilitate the preparation of relevant information, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations are encouraged to:

- (a) Provide views on each of the items listed in annex II to recommendation 4/12 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as well as any other relevant views.
- (b) Indicate which views apply to the meetings under all three governing bodies, i.e., the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, as well as which views apply to the meetings under one or two of the governing bodies.

National focal points for the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol may consider separate submissions if necessary.

Submissions will be compiled and a document on options to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols will be prepared by the Secretariat, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting.

Views and any relevant information should be submitted through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism using [this link](#). Should technical problems prevent the use of the clearing-house mechanism, submissions may be made through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, by e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int).

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

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