



**Remarks by Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Acting Executive Secretary
on the occasion of the Online Discussion Forum on the Preparation of the Long-Term Strategic
Framework for Capacity Development, 25 May 2020**

Dear participants

Please allow me to warmly welcome you to the Online Discussion Forum on the Preparation of the Long-Term Strategic Framework for Capacity Development to Support Implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

As many of you are aware, this forum is a follow-up to the Thematic Consultation on Capacity-Building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation that took place in Rome from 1 to 2 March 2020. We are pleased to share with you the draft elements for the long-term strategic framework on capacity development, which incorporate the input received during the consultation.

The proposed draft long-term framework aims to provide guidance to improve capacity development actions, including through promoting a more strategic and coordinated approach, one that would help develop sustainable capacities and deliver results in support of the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Your expertise, knowledge and experience in capacity development are invaluable to this process. Your input will be used to further enrich and refine the draft elements for the strategic framework. I have no doubt that over the next week you will come up with practical suggestions to help make the shift to a more strategic and impactful approach to capacity development.

I wish you fruitful deliberations and I look forward to the results of the online discussion.