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NOTIFICATION

Postponement of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Forum and selected participants

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notifications 2020-016, 2020-026 and 2020-029, and in this context, I would like to reaffirm that the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) Forum, scheduled to take place at the Museum für Naturkunde in Berlin, Germany, is postponed. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic and in light of the guidance received from the United Nations, new dates and a potential alternative method of organizing the GTI Forum will be communicated later, in consultation with the host institute and the Government of Germany.

The selection of participants for the GTI Forum, in consultation with the GTI Coordination Mechanism and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), has concluded. Therefore, I am pleased to convey the list of selected participants attached herewith.

To prepare for the GTI Forum, selected participants are invited to submit examples of effective institutional mechanisms, partnerships, networks, and regional and sub-regional institutional arrangements, as well as comments on the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as annexed to SBSTTA recommendation 23/6, in response to paragraph 2 of the same recommendation (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/recommendations/sbstta-23/sbstta-23-rec-06-en.pdf>).

Further information and documents will be made available in due course on the Forum webpage at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/GTI-OM-2020-01>.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Acting Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points; SBSTTA Focal Points; GTI Focal Points; Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity; relevant organizations; indigenous peoples and local communities



Selected participants for the Global Taxonomy Initiative Forum

African Group	
1. Mr. N'Goran Germain Kouamé	Université Jean Lorougnon Guédé, Côte d'Ivoire
2. Mr. Mohammed Sghir Taleb	Institut Scientifique, Université Mohammed V de Rabat, Morocco
3. Mr. Ramagwai Joseph Sebola	South African National Biodiversity Institute, South Africa
Asia-Pacific Group	
4. Mr. Hai-Ning Qin	Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
5. Mr. Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Shestopal	Centre for Prevention of Dangerous Infections, Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan, Turkmenistan
6. Ms. Anh Thi Kieu Ta	Biodiversity Conservation Agency, Vietnam Environment Administration, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam
Eastern European Group	
7. Mr. Dejan Kulijer	Natural History Department, National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	
8. Mr. Ethan Hillel Freid	Bahamas National Trust/Leon Levy Native Plant Preserve, Bahamas
9. Mr. Miguel Gonzalo Andrade Correa	Instituto de Ciencias Naturales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia
10. Ms. Diana Hernández	Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad (CONABIO), Mexico
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	
11. Mr. Luc Janssens de Bisthoven	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Belgium
12. Mr. Christoph Leonard Häuser	Museum für Naturkunde – Leibniz Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity Science, Germany
13. Mr. Hugo de Boer	Natural History Museum, University of Oslo, Norway
Relevant expert organizations	
14. Mr. Tim Hirsch	Global Biodiversity Information Facility, Denmark
15. Mr. Mark Francis Watson	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, United Kingdom
16. Mr. Thomas Borsch	Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Resource persons	
17. Ms. Michelle Judith Price	Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities
18. Mr. Paul Hebert	International Barcode of Life Consortium