

**NOTIFICATION**  
**Review of the coordinates of the National Focal Points for the Global Taxonomy Initiative**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to invite CBD National Focal Points and Parties to review and update the coordinates of their respective Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) National Focal Points to ensure that they receive all relevant information from the Secretariat and related expert organizations to support the development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which is due to be adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in 2021.

The Conference of the Parties, at its eighth meeting, urged Parties and other Governments to establish a focal point for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (paragraph 9a of [Decision VIII/3](#)). In this regard, and further to notifications [2011-126](#), [2006-026](#) and [2001-029](#), if a GTI National Focal Point has not been designated in your country, or if there is a change in the designation of the focal point, I invite you to submit, through an official scanned letter, the name and coordinates of the nominated individual and to send it to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), as soon as possible but no later than **15 March 2021**.

While Parties determine the specific responsibilities of their focal points, the following list of suggested activities for GTI National Focal Points is provided for guidance. It has been updated in light of the outcomes of the GTI Forum 2020, to be published as the CBD Technical Series No. 96 in 2021:

- (a) Respond to requests for input from the Conference of the Parties and the Secretariat with regard to the implementation of the Convention and the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (b) Communicate and collaborate with relevant Government sectors, civil societies, citizen scientists, indigenous peoples and local communities, industry, women and youth on the application of taxonomic tools to support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework through the participation of broad sectors;
- (c) Collaborate with other GTI National Focal Points at the regional and global levels to learn and share experience and best practices in support of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (d) Collaborate with other national focal points for the Convention and focal points for other biodiversity-related conventions to facilitate the removal of taxonomic impediments, including the generation and use of shared knowledge, databases and taxonomic tools on biodiversity in review of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans in the context of the goals, targets and indicators of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (e) Facilitate the development of taxonomic capacity and expertise in the country to assist in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (f) Advance research in taxonomy and systematics to further nourish the shared knowledge and data to support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

I thank you for your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

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

