

**NOTIFICATION**  
**Preparation for the formal meetings of**  
**SBSTTA 24 and SBI 3**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notifications [2020-033](#), [2020-050](#), [2020-065](#) and [2021-019](#), I wish to inform you that a joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaux was held today, 1 April 2021, after a series of regional consultations with Parties to discuss the timings and modalities of the formal meetings of the subsidiary bodies, taking into account the experience gained at the recent informal meetings.

At the joint meeting, the Bureaux agreed to mandate the Chairs of SBSTTA and SBI to prepare proposals for the organization of work for the respective twenty-fourth and third meetings of the subsidiary bodies to be held virtually during a period beginning 3 May 2021, with a view to allowing for timely preparation for WG2020-3 and COP 15 and related meetings. The Bureaux will make final decisions next week.

In the meantime, I am kindly advising Parties to take note that, subject to further consideration by the respective Bureaux, a number of plenary sessions of the subsidiary bodies, contact groups and informal consultations may be held during the period 3 May – 13 June 2021, each for a limited number of hours per day. Further details of the timings of the sessions would be prepared, taking into account other international meetings as well as major religious celebrations, and circulated in due course.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations

