

NOTIFICATION

Support to Facilitate the Effective Participation of Parties in the Third Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification [2021-041](#) issued on 4 June 2021, which confirmed that the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-3) would take place virtually from 23 August to 3 September 2021, I am pleased to inform Parties that the Secretariat, in close collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will be in a position to support developing countries and countries with economies in transition who are experiencing connectivity and time zone challenges, for their enhanced participation in WG2020-3, subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ).

Firstly, the Secretariat may provide limited financial support to delegates normally eligible to receive travel support at in-person negotiating sessions, at the rate of 20 per cent of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the city where the participant is stationed, for each day of attendance at the meeting, to be used for connectivity and other logistical aspects of their participation. Subject to the availability of resources, the Secretariat will be in a position to offer this support to **one or two representatives** from each of the developing countries Parties to the Convention, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, taking into account needs related to connectivity and time zone challenges.

Secondly, the Secretariat is exploring the provision of logistical support and/or facilities for those delegates that need such support, subject to COVID-19 restrictions and safety and security requirements that are currently in place in that location. These may include, as needed and on a case-by-case basis, technical support or the provision of equipment to facilitate internet connectivity, the use of UN offices or of meetings' facilities in a hotel. For those required to work at night, local accommodation in a hotel may be considered.

Eligible Parties that wish to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to advise the Secretariat, at their earliest convenience, but no later than **26 July 2021**, of the name and coordinates of their Government's officially designated representative to benefit from such support via the official nomination letter, specifying the nature of the support or assistance required. It will not be possible for the Secretariat to respond positively to requests received after this deadline. The Secretariat, in coordination with UNDP, will assess the requests made with a view to offering the most feasible options in light of the availability of resources.

I take the opportunity to remind Parties that the designation of representatives to participate in WG2020-3 should be addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary through an **official letter of nomination**, to be sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at +1-514-288-6588, as soon as possible but preferably no later than **13 August 2021**. Early registration is strongly encouraged.

I look forward to your active participation in this important meeting.

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

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Executive Secretary

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