



**NOTIFICATION**  
**Business and Biodiversity Week 2021**  
**18 – 22 October 2021**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties and Observers that the Business and Biodiversity Week 2021, organized by the Secretariat in collaboration with partner organizations and the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity, will be held online on 18-22 October 2021.

The Conference of the Parties, in its [decision 14/34](#), urged Parties and invited other Governments and stakeholders, including the business community, to actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to foster strong ownership of the framework to be agreed and strong support for its immediate implementation, and to facilitate dialogues on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to make the results of these dialogues available through appropriate means.

In light of the decision to convene COP 15 in two parts, it has been decided that the Business and Biodiversity Forum, as a parallel or associated event, will be held during phase II in the face-to-face meeting in Kunming, China, scheduled for 25 April to 8 May 2022.

In order to keep the momentum and strengthen the engagement with the business sector, the Secretariat is organizing a week-long virtual event to promote a broad discussion on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the role of business, including sessions dedicated to mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors, the future of food systems, how the energy sector is addressing biodiversity and climate, and the sustainable use of natural resources. The event will be a stepping stone in the business journey to Kunming and the discussions will pave the way to the Business and Biodiversity Forum that will take place during COP 15, phase II, next year.

Interested participants are invited to register to the event by clicking on the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/business/bbw2021.shtml>, no later than **14 October 2021**. Further information about the event can be found at the same link.

I look forward to your active participation and thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, Resource Mobilization National Focal Points, financial sector representatives, businesses, indigenous peoples and local communities, UN agencies, IGOs, NGOs and other relevant international stakeholders

