

NOTIFICATION

Webinars on the Data Reporting Tool for MEAs (DaRT)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to advise that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, together with the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), are organizing webinars to introduce the **Data Reporting Tool for MEAs (DaRT)**. This tool aims to support Parties in the effective use of synergies in biodiversity knowledge and information management for national reporting to the Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

The webinars will introduce the rationale behind DaRT, provide an overview of the functionalities of the tool and explain what added value it can bring to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The webinars will specifically focus on practical experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of DaRT and feature a presentation from Cameroon.

Further information on DaRT is available in document [CBD/SBI/3/INF/8](#) prepared for the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. A dedicated webpage is accessible at: <https://dart.informea.org/>

The webinar will be held twice on **2 December 2021** via the GoToWebinar platform to accommodate different time zones. It will be held in English only. Further information on the webinar, including a programme, is provided in the attached concept note.

You are invited to register in one of the following options:

2 December 2021 - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. EST (Montreal) /3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EAT (Nairobi)
[Registration link](#)

2 December 2021 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. EST (Montreal) /6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EAT (Nairobi)
[Registration link](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You will be able to enter the webinar room 30 minutes before the start of the session (this is recommended in order to check your connection).

Thank you for your continuous support for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

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



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Regional Webinars on the Data Reporting Tool for MEAs – DaRT

Concept Note

I. Background

The [Data Reporting Tool for MEAs – DaRT](#) is the first tool supporting Parties in the effective use of **synergies** in the field of **knowledge and information management** for national reporting to biodiversity-related MEAs. DaRT is a key tool to support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

[DaRT](#) provides Parties to MEAs with a **private and secure national working space** to organize, share, and maintain information, data and knowledge across MEAs and across reporting purposes. By providing a single national working space to Parties, DaRT facilitates the **re-use of information** in the spirit of “enter once, re-use several times”, fosters an efficient and effective national reporting process at the national level and promotes communication and cooperation across ministries.

Integrating national biodiversity information in one place is of high value in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which will contribute to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Protocols, and other biodiversity-related multilateral agreements, processes and instruments. Further, the management of environmental information, data and knowledge is a prerequisite for **analysing national achievements against the SDGs** and ultimately demonstrating the contribution of the implementation of MEAs towards the 2030 Agenda.

DaRT is developed by UNEP, hosted on the InforMEA server, and has been fully operational since September 2019, supporting CBD decisions [14/25](#) and [14/27](#) on information management and synergistic reporting, respectively. Responding to calls from Parties for harmonized and integrated reporting over many years, DaRT is a key tool to support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This webinar is being organized to showcase the usefulness of DaRT for implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and synergies with other tools such as Bioland, the CHM and the UN Biodiversity Lab.

II. Rationale

Effective scientific and technical coordination, cooperation and synergies among MEAs is crucial, both at national and international levels to address institutional fragmentation in national reporting. This is especially true when it comes to planning, implementing and monitoring activities to achieve the objectives set by the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

An ambitious, measurable, relevant and transformational post-2020 global biodiversity framework will require significantly increased cooperation at all levels, moving beyond the corridors of environment ministries to include relevant ministries that deal with the drivers of biodiversity loss (e.g. land use change, climate change, pollution, natural resource use and exploitation, and invasive alien species). DaRT can fill these gaps by promoting effective knowledge management across ministries and administrative units

enhancing synergies across MEAs and increasing effectiveness of national efforts to achieve global environmental targets.

Multiple tools were created to support Parties in implementing MEAs and to report thereon. DaRT aims at providing Parties with a single-entry point to the tools and, in the medium term, to develop interoperability with these tools. DaRT is thus the primary space for mapping between strategies from which information will be diffused into other tools.

Further, DaRT adapts to the transition from the present Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets to a new post-2020 global biodiversity framework expected to be agreed by the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) in Kunming, China, thereby continuing to support future national reporting more effectively.

III. Programme

The webinars will last 90 minutes each and are structured as follows:

| Message | Contributors |
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| Welcome address | UNEP Switzerland <i>(subject to formal confirmation)</i> |
| A strong review and reporting mechanism in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework - Setting the scene | SCBD |
| The Data Reporting Tool for MEAs - DaRT | UNEP |
| The Role of Bioland | SCBD |
| National experience using DaRT | Cameroon |
| Summary: DaRT and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework | European Commission |
| Q & A | |
