

NOTIFICATION

Status of funding for participation in the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and Part Two of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notifications [2022-044](#) and [2022-048](#), and following the COP Bureau meeting held on 10 November 2022, I am writing to provide a status of funding for the participation of eligible Parties to the Convention in the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-5), as well as part two of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP-MOP 10), and the Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (NP-MOP 4), to take place on 3-5 December and 7-19 December 2022, respectively, in Montreal, Canada.

As indicated in these notifications, funding is subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in Convention processes. In this regard, based on available funds in early October, the Secretariat was able to provide funding to developing countries Parties, in particular two delegates from least developed countries and small island developing States, and one delegate from other developing countries and economies in transition.

In light of new contributions received recently, the Secretariat is now in a position to finance the participation of a second delegate from other developing countries and economies in transition that have previously sent an official funding request. Given the short timeline to process funding arrangements, (1) please ensure that the person to request funding has valid travel documents and entry visa for travel to Canada for the meetings next month, and (2) if requested to provide additional travel-related documents, funded delegates are urged to send the information as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the donor countries for their immense contribution to ensure the full and effective participation of Parties in the meetings next month. The presence and involvement of all Parties and stakeholders at the meetings are crucial in ensuring the adoption of an ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

I take this opportunity to remind Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol that, in accordance with rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meetings (i.e. 8 December 2022) to confirm that the delegates have been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent their country at the meetings. The credentials must be signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, except in the case of regional economic integration organizations, in which case it should be signed by the competent authority of that organization. Credentials shall be delivered in their original form. Sample formats of appropriate credentials are available here (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-15/cop-credentials-template-en.docx>). Please note that credentials are not required for the WG2020-5 meeting.

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

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