



NOTIFICATION

Invitation to participate in the peer review of two draft documents of guidance related to revising and updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs)

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to [decision 15/6](#) in which the Conference of the Parties requested Parties to revise and update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, following the guidance provided in [annex I](#) of the decision, aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and to submit them through the CBD [Clearing-House Mechanism](#) by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

In the above regard, I am pleased to invite Parties and observers to participate in the peer review of two draft documents (below) prepared by the United Nations University (UNU) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), respectively. The latter referenced document represents a joint publication by the UN Environment Management Group Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment which is chaired by OHCHR. Each document aims to support Parties in activities related to revising and updating their NBSAPs. Submissions from any Party or observer are welcome. Comments and suggestions provided through the peer reviews will contribute to the further improvement of these documents.

- **Strengthening NBSAPs through landscape approaches (UNU):** The manual introduces the concept of landscape approaches to strengthen revised and updated NBSAPs.
- **Integrating human rights in NBSAPs (OHCHR):** The purpose of this guidance is to support Parties in integrating human rights in their NBSAPs according to their specific domestic contexts.

The two draft documents are available for peer review at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/post-cop15/peer-review-docs-UNU&OHCHR.shtml>, alongside the respective peer-review template. Submissions should be sent to the e-mail addresses indicated on the above dedicated webpage by **26 May 2023**.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, SBSTTA national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations

