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## NOTIFICATION

### Council documents on the establishment of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund by the Global Environment Facility

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notifications [2023-041](#) and [2023-056](#), we are pleased to inform Parties that two documents prepared by the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) concerning the establishment of a GEF trust fund to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), pursuant to decisions [15/7](#) and [15/15](#), have been posted for the consideration of the GEF Council at its sixty-fourth meeting that will be held in Brasilia, Brazil, from 26 to 30 June 2023.

The documents are available on the GEF website on the webpage for the 64th meeting of the Council, <https://www.thegef.org/events/64th-gef-council-meeting>, under the tab entitled Council Documents, namely:

- (i) GEF/C.64/05, Establishment of a New Trust Fund: Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;
- (ii) GEF/C.64/06, Programming Directions for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund.

The documents have been prepared in light of discussions held at the consultative meetings of the GEF Council Members on 19-20 April 2023 and 24 May 2023, the briefing session and consultations convened by the GEF Secretariat with other stakeholders, and comments received on the iterative drafts.

We would like to encourage national focal points of the Convention and its Protocols to review the documents and share their views with their GEF focal points and, as appropriate, the Council Members representing their GEF constituencies. The list of GEF focal points is available at: <https://www.thegef.org/who-we-are/focal-points>, and the list of constituencies, Council Members and Alternates is available at: <https://www.thegef.org/who-we-are/gef-council/members-alternates>.

Considering the importance of the GBF Fund, we would like to encourage all national focal points of the Convention and its Protocols to liaise with their GEF focal points and to engage proactively in consultations leading up to the sixty-fourth meeting of the GEF Council.

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

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To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points