

## NOTIFICATION

### Invitation to submit an Expression of Interest to receive technical support from the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you may recall, under the leadership of Colombia and Germany, an NBSAP Accelerator Partnership was announced during the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and operationally launched in the margins of the seventy-eighth United Nations General Assembly, with the aim of accelerating the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Since its establishment, the Accelerator Partnership has grown to 21 member countries and 9 institutional members.

The initiative aims to raise the ambition of NBSAPs and fast-track their implementation through providing or facilitating access to financial and technical support, including through supporting in-country and regional facilitators to help countries identify their needs and opportunities for accelerating progress, connecting the country needs with dedicated technical or financial support through the match-making service, supporting peer-to-peer learning, and raising the profile of NBSAPs to promote nature-positive action. The Accelerator Partnership's operational leadership is provided by a dedicated interim Global Coordination Unit supported by the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On behalf of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, I am pleased to convey the attached letter inviting eligible Parties interested in receiving technical support from the Accelerator Partnership to implement their revised NBSAPs, and in hosting an in-country facilitator, to submit an expression of interest.

If your country is interested in hosting a facilitator, please complete the expression of interest form available [online](#) and submit the [endorsement letter](#) available on the Accelerator Partnership's [website](#) by e-mail to the Country Engagement Coordinator ([alexandra.said@nbsapaccelerator.org](mailto:alexandra.said@nbsapaccelerator.org)) as soon as possible, but not later than **13 December 2023**. A [guidance note](#) on receiving technical support from the Accelerator Partnership, as well as other documents and information related to the expression of interest process and on how to become a member country of the Accelerator Partnership are available on the Accelerator Partnership's [website](#).

For any questions related to the expression of interest, kindly contact the interim Global Coordination Unit at [info@nbsapaccelerator.org](mailto:info@nbsapaccelerator.org) or at [alexandra.said@nbsapaccelerator.org](mailto:alexandra.said@nbsapaccelerator.org).

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention and its Protocols.

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

*(Signed)* David Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points





## **Invitation to Submit an Expression of Interest to Receive Support from the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership**

Your Excellencies,

You are cordially invited to express your interest in receiving technical support from the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) Accelerator Partnership to implement your revised NBSAP and to host an in-country/regional facilitator.

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, launched on the margins of the 78<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly in September 2023 under the leadership of Colombia and Germany, aims to strengthen global, regional, and national ambition and efforts to accelerate the implementation of revised NBSAPs aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) for nature-positive outcomes. Country-led, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership will provide access to catalytic financial and technical support through in-country/regional facilitation, a match-making service, and peer-to-peer learning.

Facilitators, fully endorsed by, and embedded in relevant ministries or regional institutions, will be funded by the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership to: support countries to identify and monitor country-specific biodiversity priorities, capacity needs and implementation challenges; translate their national priorities into requests for technical and financial support; and mobilize and facilitate a Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society approach and maximising synergies across the three Rio Conventions and the SDGs.

With generous support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and its International Climate Initiative (IKI), the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is looking to initially place 12 facilitators in geographically diverse countries or regions. Countries must be Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, eligible to receive Official Development Assistance (ODA) and be:

- 1) Committed to achieving the GBF goals with high levels of ambition in aligning their NBSAPs;
- 2) Willing to apply a Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society approach;
- 3) Aligned with the Accelerator Partnership's guiding principles.

If your country is interested in hosting a facilitator, please submit your [Expression of Interest](#) as soon as possible but no later than 13 December 2023. Countries will be informed in January 2024 whether they can host a facilitator in the first phase of work. If you have any questions, please contact us at: [info@nbsapaccelerator.org](mailto:info@nbsapaccelerator.org).

Thank you for your interest in the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership. We look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest and working with you to enhance the ambition of NBSAP and accelerate action on biodiversity.

Yours sincerely,

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