

NOTIFICATION
**Information webinar to assist Parties in the preparation of project proposals
for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, 3 July 2024**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform Parties and observers that the Council of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBF Fund) at its second meeting on 19 June 2024 approved its first work programme and adopted the terms of reference for an Advisory Group of non-sovereign participants to provide technical advice to the GBF Fund Council and an Auxiliary Body to provide advice and recommendations to the GBF Fund Council. Taken together with earlier decisions of the GEF Council and the GBF Fund Council, the work to operationalize the GBF Fund in response to decision 15/15 adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting is now complete. The relevant decisions include:

- Decision 09/2023: Establishment of a new trust fund: Global Biodiversity Framework Fund ([GEF/C.64/05/Rev.01](#))
- Decision 10/2023: Programming Directions for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund ([GEF/C.64/06/Rev/01](#))
- Decision GBFF 1/2024: Policy on Allocation of Resources for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund ([GEF/GBFF.01/03/Rev.03](#))
- Decision GBFF 2/2024: Global Biodiversity Framework Fund Project Cycle Policy ([GEF/GBFF.01/04/Rev.02](#))
- Decision GBFF 5/2024: Terms of Reference for Advisory Group(s) and Auxiliary Body for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund ([GEF/GBFF.02/04](#))

GBF Fund resources are allocated through programming tranches triggered by capitalization thresholds. In the first selection round of the first programming tranche, the GBF Fund Council, at its second meeting, approved a work programme consisting of three projects. Another project has been circulated to the Council for approval. In addition, 18 Project Preparation Grant (PPG) requests from 21 countries have been approved by the GEF CEO through the second selection round of the first programming tranche. The details of the approved projects and PPG requests are available in the document “Work Program for Global Biodiversity Framework Fund” ([GEF/GBFF.02/03](#))

A third selection round of the first tranche is expected to be opened in several weeks. Relevant Parties may wish start to prepare their PPG requests now using the new single project modality for the GBF Fund.

In its decision GBFF 2/2024, the Council of the GBF Fund introduced a project cycle with a simple and effective application and approval process, providing easy and efficient access to resources of the GBF Fund. A single project modality applies to all projects under the GBF Fund irrespective of the financing size. The first step is the preparation of a PPG request using the [PPG Form](#).

To assist relevant Parties interested in submitting PPG requests, the GEF Secretariat has offered to provide a briefing through a webinar to be organized on **3 July 2024** at 8:00 a.m. EDT. Registration for the webinar is available at this [link](#). All registered participants will receive an automatic email providing a link to access the webinar.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

To: National focal points for CBD and its Protocols (Cartagena Protocol and Nagoya Protocol), indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations