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NOTIFICATION

Dates for the Leaders' Summit and High-Level Segment of the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference in Yerevan, Armenia

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notification [2025-096](#) informing Parties and observers about the dates of the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference, I am pleased to advise that the Government of Armenia is planning to host a Leaders' Summit in Yerevan on **16 October 2026**, with a possibility of high-level featured engagements also taking place on 17 October 2026, just ahead of the opening of the Conference. The Leaders' Summit aims to convene Heads of State and Government, globally acclaimed prominent figures, indigenous peoples and local communities' leaders and heads of international organizations to politically anchor and set the tone for increased ambition for the Conference. Once available, more information on the Leaders' Summit will be provided by the Government of Armenia through diplomatic channels.

Furthermore, the Government of Armenia has confirmed the dates of the ministerial High-Level Segment of the Conference to be **27 and 28 October 2026**, and will be sending, through diplomatic channels, the formal invitation, concept note and provisional agenda to relevant ministers, and to invited representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and observers, in due course.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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

