



NOTIFICATION
Release of the new CBD website on 15 March 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to announce the upcoming release of the redeveloped CBD website available at: <https://www.cbd.int>, in line with decisions 16/9 and 16/25 of the Conference of the Parties which requested the Executive Secretary to further improve the Convention website, including the review of its structure to make it easier to use.

The redevelopment was guided by results of: (i) a survey of Parties and observers; (ii) focus group research with interested respondents; (iii) an analytics review of the most frequently accessed content; and (iv) the design and user-experience workshops organized by the Secretariat.

The main new features and improved functionalities of the website include the following:

1. **A redesigned information architecture and home page for improved user experience:** The website has been rebuilt around a more coherent information architecture, improving findability and navigation across the various webpages.
2. **“One click” mega-menu:** In response to the feedback received on the previous website structure, a new expandable mega-menu has been introduced to enable quicker access to and navigation across major sections of the website.
3. **Streamlined website content:** The website has undergone systematic content curation and consolidation, and the number of webpages has been reduced from over 7,500 to approximately 1,800.
4. **Integration of the Protocols:** The websites of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol are now fully integrated into the main CBD website, providing a more unified and consistent user experience.

The website has been developed using the latest modern technologies to facilitate easier maintenance and future enhancements. In the next phase of the website re-development, the Secretariat aims to progressively roll out the website in all the official UN languages.

I would like to invite all national focal points, and relevant stakeholders to use the new CBD website and provide feedback to help us further improve it. The previous version of the website will still be available at: <https://archive.cbd.int> but this will no longer be updated.

As with any major upgrade, some minor issues may occur as the new platform stabilizes. The Secretariat is monitoring these closely and will resolve them promptly. We appreciate your patience and invite users to contact the Secretariat by e-mail at: mea-cbd-helpdesk@un.org to report difficulties or to request technical assistance.

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

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, Nagoya Protocol focal points, SBSTTA focal points, CHM focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant stakeholders