



NOTIFICATION
Registration for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-28), 27 July-1 August 2026
and
the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-7), 4-12 August 2026
Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-28) will be held from 27 July to 1 August 2026, back-to-back with the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-7), from 4 to 12 August 2026, at the United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters in Nairobi.

The provisional agendas for these meetings are made available at the following webpages: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-28> and <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-07>. Other pre-session and relevant documentation for these meetings will be made available on the same webpages.

The “Information Note for Participants” for the meetings will also be made available on the webpages of the meetings, which will include information on visa and hotel accommodations.

Please note that SBSTTA-28 and SBI-7 will be preceded by regional consultations, on 26 July and 3 August 2026, respectively.

In addition, on 25 July 2026, the Secretariat will be organizing workshops on the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Framework, on the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on synthetic biology, and on recently completed IPBES assessments.

A workshop co-organized by UNDP, UNEP, the GEF Secretariat and the CBD Secretariat is being planned on 2 August 2026 to reflect on the experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of GEF biodiversity enabling activities. Moreover, an informal dialogue on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities is planned to take place on 13 August 2026.

Further information on these workshops and dialogue will be provided in a separate notification.

Governments

a) Nominations

The designation of representatives to attend the SBSTTA-28 and/or the SBI-7 meetings should be submitted through an official letter of nomination addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, sent as a scanned e-mail attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int, by **1 July 2026**.

For the online registration process, focal points of Parties and other Governments will receive the online registration link by e-mail. Early registration is encouraged.

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, TK focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, ABS focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations

b) Financial support

In line with decision 16/28, paragraphs 32 and 33, and subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), the Secretariat hopes to be in a position to finance the participation of up to two representatives per eligible Party per meeting¹, i.e. those that are developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition.

Parties to the Convention eligible to receive financial support that wish to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to advise the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but no later than **1 May 2026**, **through an official letter** addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, of the name and coordinates of their Government's officially designated representatives to benefit from such financial support, and to indicate the order of funding priority between the two representatives, as appropriate. In order for travel arrangements to comply with the UN rules and regulations, funding requests submitted after the above deadline cannot be guaranteed.

Organizations

a) Nominations from accredited organizations

The designation of representatives from accredited organizations to attend the SBSTTA-28 and/or the SBI-7 meetings should be submitted through an official letter of nomination addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, sent as a scanned e-mail attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int by **1 July 2026**.

For online registration, please note that the link to complete the online registration will be provided upon receipt of the nomination letter. Early registration is encouraged.

b) Nominations from new organizations

Requests for accreditation by new organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the information provided on the CBD website at this [link](#). Such requests should be submitted to the Secretariat by e-mail to: secretariat@cbd.int, no later than **15 June 2026**.

c) Indigenous peoples and local communities

In accordance with the criteria for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Trust Fund) and subject to the availability of funds, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities are invited to submit a request for financial assistance for consideration in relation to the meetings, at their earliest convenience but no later than **20 April 2026**. Only applications from accredited organizations to the CBD from indigenous peoples and local communities will be given due consideration.

Further information on the voluntary funding mechanism process can be found [here](#). A list of beneficiaries from the indigenous peoples and local communities will be communicated via notification and selected participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat regarding the necessary arrangements.

I look forward to your participation in the upcoming meetings of SBSTTA-28 and SBI-7 in Nairobi and associated events.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

¹ In view of the status of contributions to the BZ Fund, and the substantial costs associated with participation in meetings, Parties eligible for financial support are encouraged, where possible, to nominate the same delegates to attend both SBSTTA-28 and SBI-7.