

NOTIFICATION

Technical Information Exchanges on enhanced cooperation and policy coherence to support the implementation of the Rio Conventions

Dear Sir or Madam,

In its recommendation [27/3](#) on biodiversity and climate change, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) requested the Executive Secretary to organize technical information exchanges, in collaboration with the executive secretaries of the other Rio conventions and the current and incoming presidencies of the Conferences of the Parties of the three Rio conventions, to further discuss options to enhance cooperation and policy coherence and synergies across the Rio conventions, and subsequently develop a multilevel road map with short, medium and long-term actions, including a mapping study to help to identify concrete actions, on the headline options for enhancing policy coherence provided in document [CBD/SBSTTA/27/4](#), as well as possible gaps and overlaps in existing national and international policies and existing coordination bodies that address the implementation of the Rio conventions, and to report its finding to Parties at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Pursuant to the above recommendation, and subsequent to the information briefing held on 17 February 2026 in the margins of the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, I am pleased to announce that the series of exchanges will be held in online and hybrid formats, with schedule as per table below. Further information on the individual exchanges is also available at: <https://www.cbd.int/climate/activities.shtml>.

Technical information exchanges	Areas of focus
1. Online (22 April 2026)	3-hour online discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions and rights of indigenous peoples and local communities • Whole-of-society approach
2. Online (6 May 2026)	3-hour online discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of scientific assessments and evidence-based policy • Knowledge management and capacity-building
3. Vilm, Germany & online (2-5 June 2026)	3.5-day hybrid event with summary and reflection on the online discussions, and in-depth discussions on the remaining four topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment of national strategies • Monitoring, reporting and review • Nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches • Resource mobilization
4. Bonn, Germany & online (13 June 2026)	Half-day hybrid event concluding the above discussions with a view to further preparing the multi-level road map

To: CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations

Online exchanges (22 April and 6 May 2026)

I invite representatives of Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, representatives of women and youth, and relevant organizations to register their participation no later than **13 April 2026** for the online exchanges.

The two online exchanges will each be held twice to accommodate different time zones. They will be held in English only.

22 April 2026	7:00 to 10:00 UTC Link for registration: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/02502bbd-fa1d-405f-b62e-da2e6199318b@0f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70
	15:00 to 18:00 UTC Link for registration: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/18f3e0b8-5ed0-4ae2-a3b0-8fd8b8c0e655@0f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70
6 May 2026	7:00 to 10:00 UTC Link for registration: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/78c280dc-2fc6-4f62-9c50-14b1a8e77dc2@0f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70
	15:00 to 18:00 UTC Link for registration: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c8da86c0-08d9-4250-a0b3-b6e3a8b45796@0f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70

Hybrid exchanges (2-5 June and 13 June 2026)

I wish to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to nominate experts to participate in the hybrid technical information exchanges, **as soon as possible but no later than 8 April 2026**. Parties, observers and other stakeholders to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) are also invited to nominate relevant experts, and national focal points of the convention are requested to bring this notification to their attention. The nominations should be in the form of a letter signed by the national focal point of the Convention or the head of the competent authority and should include the full contact details of the nominees. For nominations of participants eligible for funding, candidates should include a completed HR Mini Master Registration Form (available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/others/hr-mini-master-request-form-v0720-en.docx>) and a copy of the bio-page of a valid national passport.

Owing to limited space and funding, participants will be selected on the basis of their relevant expertise, as well as geographical representation and gender balance. Priority for in-person participation at the technical information exchange on 13 June 2026 will be given to those already attending the 64th sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC. Selected participants eligible for funding will be provided with travel and a daily subsistence allowance in accordance with UN rules. The exchanges will be held in English only.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary