

NOTIFICATION

Information workshops and dialogue in conjunction with SBSTTA-28 and SBI-7 meetings

Dear Sir or Madam,

As indicated in notification [2026-031](#), dated 19 March 2026, please find below information on workshops and dialogue that the Secretariat will be convening in conjunction with SBSTTA-28 and SBI-7 meetings in Nairobi.

Information workshops on issues to be considered by SBSTTA-28, 25 July 2026

Three information workshops will be held on 25 July 2026 on issues related to three agenda items of SBSTTA-28, namely: (i) on the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (item 3(a)), (ii) on the assessment on business and biodiversity recently completed by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (item 4), and (iii) on the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (item 5). The workshops will inform delegates on progress made on these issues and facilitate the deliberations on these agenda items. The programme for these workshops will be made available in due course. Kindly note that the workshops will be conducted in English.

Participation in the workshops is open to all SBSTTA-28 registered participants. Parties and observers who wish to participate in these events should inform the Secretariat via a letter signed by the National Focal Point or the head of the organization, as appropriate, to be sent to: secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible but no later than **1 July 2026**, to allow sufficient time for necessary logistics and venue preparation.

Financial support of delegates that are funded by the Secretariat to participate in SBSTTA-28 will include an additional one-day daily subsistence allowance to take part in the workshops, subject to the availability of financial resources.

Workshop on experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of biodiversity-enabling activities by the Global Environment Facility and possible support for national monitoring from the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, 2 August

A workshop co-organized by UNDP, UNEP, the GEF Secretariat and the CBD Secretariat will be held on 2 August 2026 to reflect on the experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of GEF biodiversity enabling activities, and to discuss national monitoring needs and priorities for possible support from GEF 9. Participation in the workshop is open to SBSTTA-28 and SBI-7 delegates from countries that are participating in the GEF biodiversity enabling activities projects.

SBSTTA-28 and SBI-7 registered participants are welcome to take part in the workshop. Parties and observers who wish to participate should inform the Secretariat via a letter signed by the National Focal Point or the head of the organization, as appropriate, to be sent to: secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible but no later than **1 July 2026**. Please note that the workshop will be conducted in English with interpretation in French and Spanish. Eligible participants who would need to request a one-day DSA are invited to contact UNDP or UNEP GEF Enabling Activities' focal points to explore available options.

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

Informal dialogue on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities, 13 and 14 August 2026

An informal dialogue on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities will be held on 13 and 14 August 2026. The informal dialogue will provide an opportunity to discuss key outcomes of the First meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in preparation for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Participation in the dialogue is open to all registered participants for SBI-7. Parties and observers who wish to participate should inform the Secretariat via a letter signed by the National Focal Point or the head of the organization, as appropriate, to be sent to: secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible but no later than **1 July 2026**. Please note that the workshop will be conducted in English, with informal interpretation in Spanish and French.

Thanks to the generous support of the Government of Norway, financial support of delegates nominated to take part in the dialogue and already funded by the Secretariat to participate in SBI-7 will receive an additional two-day daily subsistence allowance to facilitate their participation in the dialogue. Similar support will be extended to representatives from indigenous peoples and local communities that are funded through the VB Trust Fund to attend SBI-7.

I look forward to your participation in these workshops and dialogue.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary