

NOTIFICATION**Hosting of the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in reference to the hosting of the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, scheduled to be held in 2028.

I would like to draw your attention to decision [16/27](#), paragraph 3, in which the Conference of the Parties invited interested Parties from the Latin American and Caribbean States to notify the Executive Secretary in a timely manner of their offers to host the above-mentioned meetings. As no formal offer to host the meetings has been received from any Party within the region, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, at its meeting held on 12 August 2026, requested the Executive Secretary to extend an invitation to interested Parties from all regions to express their interest to host the meetings. This step is being undertaken to facilitate the timely identification of a host country, without prejudice to the regional rotation arrangement established under decision [XIII/33](#).

Any offers to host the meetings are expected to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting. Therefore, the Secretariat kindly invites interested Parties to indicate their interest to host the meetings as soon as possible, but no later than **28 September 2026**, to allow the Secretariat to undertake the necessary consultations and preparations in a timely manner. Please note that any offer to host the meetings should be submitted through a formal letter signed by the appropriate government authority.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points