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## NOTIFICATION

### Invitation to the Second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,

**First extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the  
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the**

**First extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of  
the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing  
of Benefits Arising from their Utilization**

**16-19 November 2020, Montreal (Virtual)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, further to notification [2020-064](#) issued on 24 August 2020, the Secretariat has received, as of today, letters from 106 Parties to the Convention, 98 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and 71 Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, communicating their support to the convening of the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the extraordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, for the purpose of considering and adopting an interim budget for the Secretariat's operations in 2021. I sincerely thank the Parties for their prompt response and support.

Following such encouraging and broad support, I have the honour to invite you to the second extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, which will be held remotely and concurrently on 16-19 November 2020. Following considerations, the Bureau proposes that the meetings be conducted through a silence/written procedure, which will take place after informal consultations to finalize a draft decision.

The provisional agendas of the meetings, as approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, are available on the CBD website<sup>1</sup>. The annotations to the agendas and the document on the proposed interim budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for the year 2021, will be made available shortly.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CBD-ExCOP-02>  
<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CP-ExMOP-01>  
<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NP-ExMOP-01>

To: CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, Nagoya Protocol Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant stakeholders



As indicated in notification [2020-064](#) issued by the Secretariat on 24 August 2020, representatives of Parties shall submit credentials in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, which also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols. Information on requirements and modalities on the submission of credentials, including sample formats, is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2020/ntf-2020-064-extracop-en.pdf>.

Parties as well as observers are required to submit the details of their representatives through an official letter of nomination addressed to the Executive Secretary, providing the names and contact details of members of their delegation and the title of the meeting or meetings they are attending. Letter of nomination should be submitted as e-mail attachments to the Secretariat at: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) as soon as possible and no later than **12 October 2020**. Parties are also kindly requested to submit their credentials as soon as possible but preferably no later than **1 November 2020**.

Additional information on the organization of the meetings, including on online registration, will be made available in due course.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema  
Executive Secretary