

## NOTIFICATION

### Call for expression of interest to host a regional and/or subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centre to support implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision [15/8](#), the Conference of the Parties established a mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer among Parties to support the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The mechanism will comprise a network of regional and/or subregional support centres, to be coordinated by a global coordination entity.

The core functions of the regional and/or subregional support centres are outlined in paragraph 26 of decision 15/8 and the criteria for selecting the entities and organizations to host those centres are specified in section III of annex II to the decision.

In accordance with the process and modalities described in paragraph 32(b) of decision 15/8, I would like to invite entities and organizations that wish to host a regional and/or subregional support centre to complete and submit online an “[expression of interest form](#)” together with an official letter signed by the Head of the entity or organization. The official letter should be addressed to the Executive Secretary and uploaded along with other supporting documents, as soon as possible **but no later than 30 September 2023**.

Following the advice provided by the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation during its [first meeting](#) held in Montreal from 14 to 16 June 2023, the Executive Secretary will undertake an initial screening of the expressions of interest received and prepare a long-list of entities and organizations per (sub)region using a standardized assessment developed by the Informal Advisory Group. Entities and organizations that meet the basic criteria will be invited to submit more detailed information, including information regarding their current institutional capacity, relevant institutional policies and procedures, sources of financial resources, current project portfolios and the financial management systems in place.

Based on the additional information received, the Executive Secretary will prepare an assessment report with a shortlist of entities and organizations per (sub)region and submit it for consideration and advice by the Informal Advisory Group. Subsequently, the report of the Informal Advisory Group containing advice on the most suitable entities and organizations will be provided for review by the Parties. Further information on the selection process is available in a [background document](#) on the CBD website at the following link: [www.cbd.int/tsc/tscm/eoi/](http://www.cbd.int/tsc/tscm/eoi/). An informational webinar will be organized in the second half of August during which entities and organizations interested in hosting a support centre may ask questions or seek clarifications. For any additional information or inquiries, please contact the Secretariat at: [technicalcooperation@cbd.int](mailto:technicalcooperation@cbd.int).

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

(Signed) David Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, SBSTTA focal points, and relevant organizations and stakeholders

