

**NOTIFICATION**

**Questionnaire for inputs through national focal points to the Sixth Review of the Effectiveness of the  
Financial Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols  
Deadline of response: 12 August 2024**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In its decision [15/15](#) on the financial mechanism, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted the terms of reference for the sixth quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism of the Convention and its Protocols, contained in annex IV to that decision, to be undertaken by an independent evaluator.

Since being appointed in March 2024, the independent evaluator has conducted a review of documents related to the periodic reviews, including COP decisions and the reports of previous reviews, and also met with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility and various Implementing Agencies and Council-accredited Agencies. The independent evaluator has conducted interviews with representatives of Parties to the Convention at the margins of the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and is continuing such interviews. Information on the methodology that will be used by the independent evaluator is available in document [CBD/SBI/4/INF/17](#). At its fourth meeting in May 2024, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation encouraged Parties to participate in the evaluation process being conducted by the independent evaluator (recommendation 4/4).

In this regard, I am pleased to circulate a questionnaire available on the CBD website at <https://www.cbd.int/financial/gefreview.shtml>. The questionnaire has been developed by the independent evaluator in line with the terms of reference and will provide an important basis for participating in the review, and for assessing the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

Representatives of Parties to the Convention and its Protocols are kindly invited to submit their inputs, comments and responses, as well as any additional supporting documents to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) at their earliest convenience but **no later than 12 August 2024**.

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

*(Signed)* Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

To: National focal points for the CBD and its Protocols