

NOTIFICATION

Consultations for the development of a supplement to the Voluntary Guidelines for the Design and Effective Implementation of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

Dear Sir or Madam,

In its decision 16/22 on biodiversity and climate change, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) requested the Executive Secretary to develop a supplement to the Voluntary Guidelines for the Design and Effective Implementation of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction providing voluntary guidance and tools based on good practices for the design, effective implementation and scaling up, as appropriate, of nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation to support the implementation of Targets 8 and 11, as well as other related targets, of the Framework, where appropriate, consistent with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/5, noting Mother Earth-centric actions, as recognized by some countries, in line with different national circumstances, priorities and capabilities, including updating guidance for fit-for-purpose social and environmental safeguards, based on existing safeguards.

In response to this request, the Secretariat is convening a series of events to gain input on the structure and content of this supplement. All events will be held in English only.

Online Consultation (19 March 2025)

The online session will focus on the overall structure of the supplement in accordance with the request. The online consultation will be held twice to accommodate different time zones.

I invite representatives of Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to register their participation **no later than 17 March 2025** for one of the following sessions:

1. From 07:30 to 09:30 GMT. Link for registration:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/X7Vn2yYRTVGy0sm98toRUQ>
2. From 16:30 to 18:30 GMT. Link for registration:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/UN2RxLUmSR6cW3XiDc174w>

Hybrid workshop (Cambridge, UK, 7-9 May 2025)

A hybrid workshop will provide an opportunity for in-depth discussions on the content of the supplement. Participants will be given the opportunity to provide substantive contributions to the development of the supplement.

Owing to limitations in the size of the venue, in-person participation will be restricted. I therefore wish to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to nominate experts to participate in the workshop, as soon as possible but **no later than 24 March 2025**. Nominations should be sent through an official letter signed by the National Focal Point for

To: CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations

the Convention on Biological Diversity, or the head of organization, as appropriate, via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int, clearly indicating the names and contact details of each nominee, and including a curriculum vitae and a brief description of their relevant expertise and experience in response to the request contained in paragraph 17 of decision 16/22.

Due to the limited availability of funds for the workshop, only selected nominees from among eligible Parties and observers will receive financial assistance to cover the cost of travel and a daily subsistence allowance for in-person participation in the workshop.

The draft supplement will be made available to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-seventh meeting.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary