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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Training course for Pacific small island developing States on invasive alien species**

**15-17 July 2025 - Apia, Samoa**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [16/18](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-16/cop-16-dec-18-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species, to among other things, continue the assessment of the existing capacity and scientific, technical and technological needs of Parties, especially developing countries, for the implementation of Target 6 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF); and to develop capacity-building activities and guidance.

Based on this, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and with the generous financial support from the Government of Denmark, the European Union and the Government of Japan, through its Japan Biodiversity Fund, is convening a Training course for Pacific small island developing States on Invasive Alien Species to be held from 15-17 July 2025 in Apia, Samoa.

The training course will focus on sharing information on tools and resources available to support countries in addressing Target 6, as well as on sharing lessons learned from the sub-region.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite your government to nominate one expert to take part in this training course. It is advised that the nominee be an officer or expert who is leading or supporting the implementation of Target 6 at the national level or an expert on invasive alien species at the regional, national, or local level.

Nominations should be submitted in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, signed by the national focal point. The nomination letter must include name and full contact details and curriculum vitae of the nominee, clearly stating their areas of expertise and direct experience on invasive alien species, as well as a duly completed nomination form (see annex to this notification). Nominations must be received as soon as possible but no later than **9 May 2025**, by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

Participants will be selected from among nominations received, taking into account gender balance and the relevance of the training course for the work of the participant. In addition, the selection of participants will seek to balance representation of different countries. The Secretariat will finance the participation of the selected experts. Participants eligible for funding will receive financial assistance to cover the cost of travel and a daily subsistence allowance.

Information and documents relevant to the workshop will be made available in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued support to the work of the Convention. I look forward to receiving nominations from you at the earliest opportunity.

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

(*Signed*) Astrid Schomaker

Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**Annex**

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**Nomination Form**

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| Country |   |
| Name |   |
| Title |   |
| E-mail address  |   |
| Travel Document/Passport Number |   |
| Institution/Organization |   |
| Contact details (e-mail address, etc.) |   |
| Brief description of relevant expertise and experience of the nominee. |   |
| Relevance of the training course for the country and the application to the nominee´s work |  |