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**NOTIFICATION**

**Regional Workshop on Knowledge Management for Biodiversity for Africa**

**21 to 23 July 2025 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform Parties and observers that the Secretariat, in collaboration with the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa, and with support from the UNEP Africa office and the UNEP Addis Ababa Liaison Office, is organizing a regional workshop on Knowledge Management for Biodiversity (KM4B) for Africa, which will take place from 21 to 23 July 2025, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Thanks to the financial support from the Government of Denmark, travel and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be covered for participants from countries eligible to receive official development assistance (ODA). The workshop will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

The main objectives of the workshop are to: (a) review the current status of biodiversity knowledge management (KM) in the countries of Africa; (b) share experience, best practices, and lessons learned in KM for biodiversity; (c) identify common KM needs and challenges in the region and co-create possible solutions to address them; (d) support participants in drafting elements of their national biodiversity KM strategies or action plans; and (e) establish a subregional KM4B community(ies) of practice and/or strengthen the existing ones.

 The workshop is part of a broader [KM4B](https://km4b.cbd.int/) Initiative led by the Secretariat, which aims to enhance the capacities of Parties and stakeholders to generate, collect, organize, share and utilize biodiversity-related data, information and knowledge to support evidence-based biodiversity planning, policy and decision-making, implementation, monitoring and reporting, in line with the Knowledge Management Strategy adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting. The components of the initiative include KM4B webinars, regional workshops, KM change management programmes and KM networks and communities of practice.

 Parties to the Convention and its Protocols in Africa are invited to nominate one representative responsible for knowledge management to attend the workshop. The nomination should be sent through an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, with a duly completed nomination form (please see annex to the present notification), to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible and preferably **no later than 23 May 2025**. The Secretariat will also invite a limited number of participants from organizations representing indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and relevant stakeholders, to participate in the workshop.

 Please note that participants to the workshop will be expected to have successfully completed the Online Training Course on Knowledge Management for Biodiversity, as indicated in notification [2024-076](https://www.cbd.int/notifications/2024-076). Parties are encouraged to nominate participants who attended the course, conducted from 20 August to 20 September 2024. Nominated participants who did not attend the Online Training Course on KM4B are invited to go through the course content available on the KM4B portal at: <https://km4b.cbd.int/course>.

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

(*Signed*) Astrid Schomaker

Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**Annex**

**Nomination Form**

**for participation in the**

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| Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Institution/Organization |  |
| Contact details (e-mail address, etc.) |  |
| Nominee’s technical background and relevant work experience  |  |
| Has the nominee taken the Online Training Course for KM4B, held from 20 August to 20 September 2024, as indicated in notification [2024-076](https://www.cbd.int/notifications/2024-076)? Please respond by yes or no. (If the answer is NO, the nominee would need to go through the course content which is available at: <https://km4b.cbd.int/course>).  |  |
| Brief description of the nominee’s specific roles and responsibilities related to knowledge management in the context of biodiversity management and the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and how the nominee will or plans to apply the knowledge acquired. |  |