

NOTIFICATION

**Registration for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-27), 20-24 October 2025
and
the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (SB8J-1), 27-30 October 2025
Panama City, Panama**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-27) will be held from 20 to 24 October 2025, back-to-back with the First meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (SB8J-1), from 27 to 30 October 2025, and will be hosted by the Government of Panama, to take place at the Atlapa Convention Center in Panama City, Panama.

The provisional agenda for these meetings are made available at the following webpages: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-27> and <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SB8J-01>. Other pre-session and relevant documentation for these meetings will be made available on the same webpages.

The “Information Note for Participants” for the meetings will also be made available on the webpages of the meetings, which will include information on special rates for hotel accommodations.

Please note that SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1 will be preceded by regional consultations, on 19 October and 26 October 2025, respectively. Also, there will be an information workshop on recently completed IPBES assessments to take place on 18 October 2025. Information on this workshop can be found further below.

Governments

a) Nominations

The designation of representatives to attend the SBSTTA-27 and/or the SB8J-1 meetings should be submitted through an official letter of nomination addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, sent as a scanned e-mail attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int, by **31 August 2025**.

For the online registration process, focal points of Parties and other Governments will receive the online registration link by e-mail. Early registration is encouraged.

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, TK focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, ABS focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations

b) Financial support

In line with decision 16/28, paragraphs 32 and 33, and subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), the Secretariat hopes to be in a position to finance the participation of at least two representatives per eligible Party per meeting¹, i.e. those that are developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition. Parties to the Convention eligible to receive financial support that wish to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to advise the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but no later than **7 July 2025**, through an **official letter** addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, of the name and coordinates of their Government's officially designated representatives to benefit from such financial support. In order for travel arrangements to comply with the UN rules and regulations, funding requests submitted after the above deadline cannot be guaranteed.

Organizations

a) Nominations

The designation of representatives from accredited organizations to attend the SBSTTA-27 and/or the SB8J-1 meetings should be submitted through an official letter of nomination addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, sent as a scanned e-mail attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int, by **31 August 2025**.

For online registration, please note that the link to complete the online registration will be provided upon receipt of the nomination letter. Early registration is encouraged.

b) Indigenous peoples and local communities

In accordance with the criteria for the operations of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Trust Fund) and subject to the availability of funds, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities are invited to submit a request for financial assistance for consideration in relation to the meetings, at their earliest convenience but no later than **15 July 2025**. Only applications from accredited organizations to the CBD from indigenous peoples and local communities will be given due consideration. New organizations from indigenous peoples and local communities seeking funding should, as a first step, submit their accreditation requests by **7 July 2025**.

Further information on the voluntary funding mechanism process can be found [here](#). A list of beneficiaries from the indigenous peoples and local communities will be communicated via notification and selected participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat regarding the necessary arrangements.

Information workshop on recently completed IPBES assessments

As SBSTTA-27 will be invited to consider the findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention, a one-day workshop prior to SBSTTA-27 is being convened on 18 October 2025, to provide an opportunity for Parties to discuss these assessments with the authors of the assessments.

Participation in the workshop is open to all SBSTTA-27 registered participants. Parties and observers who wish to participate in the workshop should inform the Secretariat via a letter signed by the National Focal Point or the head of the organization, as appropriate, to be sent to: secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible but no later than **31 August 2025**, to allow enough time for necessary logistics and venue

¹ In view of the status of contributions to the BZ Fund, and the substantial costs associated with participation in meetings, Parties eligible for financial support are encouraged, where possible, to nominate the same delegates to attend both SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1.

preparation. Financial support of delegates that are being funded by the Secretariat to participate in the SBSTTA-27 meeting will include participation in the IPBES workshop, subject to the availability of the financial resources, as noted above.

I look forward to your participation in the upcoming meetings of SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1 in Panama.

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

(*Signed*) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary