

NOTIFICATION

Side events 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,

Further to notification [2025-057](#) issued today, informing that the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-27) will be held on 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), will be held on 27-30 October 2025 at the Atlapa Convention Center in Panama City, Panama, I am pleased to inform you that the registration for side-events is now open.

The Secretariat invites the submission of requests for side-events for SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1 on topics relevant to the agenda items as described in their provisional agendas, to further enrich discussions by the Subsidiary Bodies (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-27> and <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SB8J-01>). Requests should be made using the **online submission system**, available on the Secretariat's website at: www.cbd.int/side-events. The deadline for the submission of requests is **30 June 2025**. Requests received after the deadline will not be considered. Please note that only those requests that are directly relevant to the issues to be discussed at SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1 will be considered.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of available slots, the number of side-event requests per Government or observer organization will be limited. Partners are encouraged to combine and co-organize events on similar topics. Once the side-events are processed by the Secretariat, the list of allocated side-events will be made available at <https://www.cbd.int/side-events> and all organizers will be notified by e-mail accordingly.

Side-events will be allocated to meeting rooms equipped with LCD projectors and computers/laptops for PowerPoint presentations at no cost to the side-event organizers. However, there may be a cost to the organizers when an event is scheduled in a room that does not already contain the required equipment. Should this be the case, organizers will be notified accordingly. Please note that side events may be rescheduled depending on official sessions of the meetings. Should such a situation occur, it is the responsibility of side-event organizers to advise the caterer accordingly.

The "Information Note for Participants" for the meetings is currently being finalized and will be made available on the webpages of the meetings when ready. I look forward to your participation in the SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1 meetings and their side-events.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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