

NOTIFICATION

Technical Information Exchange on enhanced cooperation and policy coherence to support the implementation of the Rio Conventions

Dear Madam/Sir,

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, in collaboration with the executive secretaries of the other Rio conventions, to organize a technical information exchange in 2025 to further explore options to enhance cooperation and policy coherence to support the implementation of the conventions and related frameworks and agreements.

I am pleased to announce that this exchange will be held in a hybrid format from 13:00 to 18:00 CET on 15 June 2025 in Bonn, Germany. The exchange will consider past and ongoing experiences in strengthening policy coherence between the Rio conventions, as well as the submissions received in response to notification [2025-005](#), and to provide guidance on possible ways forward.

I wish to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to nominate experts to participate in the technical information exchange, **as soon as possible but no later than 14 May 2025**. Parties, observers and other stakeholders to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) are also invited to nominate relevant experts. Nominations should be sent through an official letter signed by the National Focal Point for 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.

Participants will be selected on the basis of their relevant expertise, as well as geographical representation and gender balance. Priority for in-person participation will be given to those already attending the 62nd sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC. Selected participants eligible for funding will be provided with travel and a daily subsistence allowance in accordance with UN rules.

I also avail of this opportunity to thank Parties, other Governments and international organizations that provided submissions as requested in notification [2025-005](#) and invite those who have not yet done so, especially Parties, observers and other stakeholders to UNFCCC and UNCCD, to submit their views on options for enhanced policy coherence, including a potential joint work programme of the Rio Conventions, **by 9 May 2025**. Submissions should be sent through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int. National focal points to the CBD are encouraged to engage with their UNFCCC and UNCCD counterparts in this regard.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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