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**NOTIFICATION**

**Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans in Tajikistan**

**30 July to 1 August 2024 - Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan**

Dear Sir or Madam,

 I am pleased to advise that a dialogue on national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) will be held from **30 July to 1 August 2024** in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, with the support of the National Biodiversity and Biosafety Centre of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Republic of Tajikistan.

 The NBSAP Dialogue is part of a series of regional and sub-regional dialogues being convened by the Secretariat in 2023 and 2024 to facilitate the sharing of experiences and mutual learning related to the revision and updating of NBSAPs, including national targets, in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as requested in [decision 15/6](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-15/cop-15-dec-06-en.pdf). The Dialogues are being convened with the generous financial support of the Government of Japan, through its Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of Denmark, and the European Union. Additional support to this dialogue is provided by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

 The NBSAP Dialogue will include sessions on experiences and lessons learned in revising or updating NBSAPs, including national target revision or setting, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, the integration of the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements into the NBSAP, and the development of a national monitoring plan for the NBSAP. The Dialogue will also include dedicated discussions in breakout groups on (i) capacity-building and development and (ii) national biodiversity financing. The outcomes of the Dialogue will serve as an input in the further piloting of an open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), pursuant to decision 15/6.

 I therefore invite each Party concerned to nominate two representatives to attend. It is advised that one nominee is the national focal point for the Convention or a government official who is responsible for leading the work on revising and updating the NBSAP, and the second nominee could be an officer or expert who is involved in the revision or updating of NBSAPs, in particular working on issues related to capacity building and development or financing. In submitting nominations, Parties should give consideration to the full range of national stakeholders, including the focal points of the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols.

 Nomination letters should be signed by the national focal point of the Convention or the Head of the competent authority. Information on nominees should be submitted through the nomination form annexed to this notification, describing relevant expertise and experience of the nominees. The number of participants is limited. The selection of experts invited to attend will be done to ensure a balanced participation in the breakout groups, taking into account the date of receipt of the nomination form. The form, including full contact details, should be sent to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible and **no later than 25 June 2024.**

 Participants eligible for funding will be provided with air travel, accommodation, meals and daily subsistence allowance for incidental costs according to UN rules. Information and documents relevant to the Dialogue will be made available in due course. Interpretation of English and Russian will be provided.

 To contribute to the NBSAP Dialogue, the Secretariat may also invite a limited number of representatives of United Nations agencies, organizations that represent indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, or other stakeholders, that are relevant to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in the region.

 I look forward to receiving nominations from Parties at the earliest opportunity.

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

(*Signed*) David **Cooper**

Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**Annex**

**Nomination Form**

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| Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Institution/Organization |  |
| Contact details (e-mail address, etc.) |  |
| Brief description of technical background/working experience related to the NBSAP revision/updating, including capacity building and development and financing |  |