



NOTIFICATION

Selected subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to announce that, pursuant to paragraph 32(b) of [decision 15/8](#), the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties has selected 18 entities and organizations, which are listed in the annex to the present notification, to host subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres, as part of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism established by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

The mandate of the regional and/or subregional support centres is to promote and facilitate cooperation among Parties to enable them to effectively utilize science, technology and innovation in support of the Convention and its Protocols, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The core functions of the centres include serving as a “one-stop service centre” in their subregions and providing access to technical and scientific knowledge, expertise, tools and other resources related to the Framework, in collaboration with a diverse network of entities, organizations, consortia and initiatives, leveraging their expertise, experience, resources and capabilities. A full description of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism of the Convention is available in annex II of decision 15/8.

The Secretariat is currently consulting with Parties to the Convention to finalize the list of countries to be supported by each centre. Once finalized, the list will be made available on the CBD website.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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



Annex
Selected subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres

Africa

- Central African Forest Commission
- Ecological Monitoring Centre
- Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development
- Sahara and Sahel Observatory
- South African National Biodiversity Institute

Americas

- Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute
- Caribbean Community
- Central American Commission on Environment and Development

Asia

- ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
- International Union for Conservation of Nature Asia Regional Office
- International Union for Conservation of Nature Regional Office for West Asia
- Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences
- Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia

Europe

- European Commission Joint Research Centre
- International Union for Conservation of Nature Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation
- International Union for Conservation of Nature Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences

Oceania

- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme