



NOTIFICATION
Registration for the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 26), 13–18 May 2024
and
the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 4), 21 to 29 May 2024
Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) will be held from 13 to 18 May 2024, back-to-back with the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), from 21 to 29 May 2024, and will be hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme, in Nairobi, Kenya.

The provisional agenda and annotated provisional agenda for these meetings are available at the following webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-26> and <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-04>. Other pre-session and relevant documentation for these meetings will be made available on the same webpages.

An information workshop on the outcomes of recent ad hoc technical expert group meetings related to the agenda items of SBSTTA will be organized on 11 May 2024. Also, the Co-Chairs leading the negotiations under the Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources propose to convene informal discussions on 19 May 2024 in preparation for the second meeting of the Working Group. Further details on these informal sessions will be communicated through separate notifications.

Nominations

The designation of representatives to attend the SBSTTA 26 and/or the SBI 4 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 **30 April 2024**. Information regarding online registration will be provided in due course. Early registration is encouraged.

Financial support

Please note that subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), the Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of one representative for each meeting, (i.e. one delegate for SBSTTA 26 and one delegate for SBI 4 from each of the eligible Parties, 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 **15 March 2024**, 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.

Furthermore, accordance with the criteria for the operations of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities are invited to submit a request for financial assistance for consideration for the meeting, subject to the availability of funds, at their earliest convenience but no later than **15 March 2024**. A list of beneficiaries from the indigenous peoples and local communities will be communicated via a notification and selected participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat regarding necessary arrangements.

I look forward to your participation in the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

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

