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## **NOTIFICATION**

## Invitation to submit an Expression of Interest to receive technical support from the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) Accelerator Partnership, I am pleased to convey the attached letter inviting eligible Parties interested in receiving technical support from the Accelerator Partnership's Facilitator Programme to submit an expression of interest.

Following an initial call for expressions of interest in 2023, a second call was announced on 22 October 2024 at the margins of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and will be open until 19 November 2024 (23:59 EAT). Guidance on the requirements for the submission of expression of interest, as well as the selection criteria, are available on the Accelerator Partnership's webpage (http://nbsapaccelerator.org/facilitator-programme/).

If your country is interested in hosting a national or regional facilitator, either as a country or as a regional institution/body, please complete and submit an application form, either online or in PDF format, to the Country Engagement Coordinator, Ms. Alexandra Said, at <a href="mailto:alexandra.said@un.org">alexandra.said@un.org</a>.

For any inquiries regarding the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, kindly contact the Global Coordination Unit at info@nbsapaccelerator.org.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention and its Protocols. Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points









## Invitation to Submit an Expression of Interest to Receive Support from the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership

Dear Sir / Madam.

You are cordially invited to express your interest in receiving technical support from the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) Accelerator Partnership to implement your updated or revised NBSAP and to host an in-country/regional facilitator.

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, launched in September 2023 under the leadership of Colombia and Germany, aims to strengthen global, regional, and national ambition and efforts to accelerate the implementation of revised NBSAPs aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). Country-led and demand-driven, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership will provide access to catalytic financial and technical support through in-country/regional facilitation, a match making service, and peer-to-peer learning.

Facilitators, fully endorsed by, and embedded in relevant ministries or regional institutions, will be funded by the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership to: support countries to identify and monitor country-specific biodiversity priorities, capacity needs and implementation challenges; translate their national priorities into requests for technical and financial support, where needed; and mobilize and facilitate a whole-of-government and whole of society approach and maximize synergies across the Rio Conventions and the Sustainable Development Goals.

With generous support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and its International Climate Initiative (IKI), the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is able to place a second cohort of 12 facilitators in geographically diverse countries or regions. Countries must be Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, eligible to receive Official Development Assistance (ODA) and be:

- Committed to achieving the goals and targets of the GBF, through the implementation of their NBSAP, aligned with the Framework;
- Aiming to apply a whole-of-government and whole of society approach in the implementation of their NBSAP;
- Aligned with the Accelerator's ten guiding principles.

If your country or regional institution/body is interested in hosting a facilitator, please submit your Expression of Interest as soon as possible but no later than 19th November 2024. The successful submissions will be announced in December 2024.

If you have any questions about the Facilitator Programme, please contact the Country Engagement Coordinator, Alexandra Said at <a href="mailto:alexandra.said@nbsapaccelerator.org">alexandra.said@nbsapaccelerator.org</a>.

Thank you for your interest in the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership. We look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest and working with you to enhance the ambition of NBSAP and accelerate action on biodiversity.

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Madden

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NBSAP Accelerator Partnership

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