



NOTIFICATION

Phase Two: Expression of interest in becoming a Nature for Health (N4H) Country Partner

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you may recall, in its decision [XIII/6](#), the Conference of the Parties re-emphasized the value of the “One Health” approach and requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the World Health Organization and other relevant organizations, to promote and facilitate the implementation of that decision. Further, in its decision [14/4](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to promote and facilitate dialogues on biodiversity-health approaches with relevant national, regional and subregional stakeholders, and organizations, as appropriate, in order to assist Parties in developing strategies to mainstream biodiversity-health linkages effectively through holistic approaches. In the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, adopted through decision [15/4](#), the interlinkages between biodiversity and health are recognized, and more recently, the Conference of the Parties, through decision [16/19](#), adopted a Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health to support the mainstreaming of these linkages.

In line with some of these decisions, the Nature for Health Initiative ([N4H](#)) was established through an initial contribution of EUR 50 million from the Government of Germany through its International Climate Initiative (IKI), with the aim to promote country-led, preventative policies and investments in nature that help to reduce health risks. The overall focus of N4H is to address the environmental determinants of health and to strengthen the integration of the environment in the One Health approach and thereby secure the health of ecosystems, animals, plants and people. N4H brings together UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations and civil society groups in the field of environment and health, and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is one of the partner organizations for this initiative.

In view of the above, I would like to bring to your attention that the call for expression of interest for the second round of applications to become a Nature for Health Country Partner is currently open for those countries interested in applying for funds under this initiative. Applications should be submitted before 24 March 2025.

More information on the expression of interest requirements, including on eligibility and relevant forms, are available here: <https://nature4health.org/eoi> . General queries regarding N4H may be directed to info@nature4health.net .

I thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, ABS national focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, SBSTTA focal points