

NOTIFICATION
Invitation to participate in the Online Forum on Invasive Alien Species, 1-22 April 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [16/18](#), the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to hold an open-ended online forum to facilitate an exchange of information and experiences on: (i) work carried out by Parties and stakeholders, including on tools and mechanisms used, challenges and best practices with regard to the prevention, management, control and eradication of invasive alien species, towards the implementation of Target 6, in particular to facilitate international and regional cooperation; and (ii) approaches that can be taken to facilitate a collaborative response to biological invasions and the threats and impacts of invasive alien species, and how those individual approaches could be integrated into the One Health approach.

In response to this request, the Secretariat is convening an open-ended online forum on invasive alien species from 1 to 22 April 2025. I would like to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to nominate experts to participate in the forum. Nominations should be sent through an official letter signed by the National Focal Point of the Convention on Biological Diversity, or the head of organization, as appropriate, via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int, clearly indicating the names and contact details of each nominee, and including a curriculum vitae and a brief description of their relevant expertise and experience in the field of invasive alien species. Nominations must be received no later than **24 March 2025**. The forum will be accessible in due course through the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/invasive/current/forum2025>.

The outputs of the discussions during the forum will be made available to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-seventh meeting.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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