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NOTIFICATION

Submission of revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets

Dear Sir or Madam.

In its decision 16/1, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties that had not yet done so to revise or update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as requested in decision 15/6, as soon as possible. Support to eligible Parties for this and for the preparation of the seventh national reports is available from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Information about this GEF support programme, including the contact persons for the GEF agencies, is available here.

As communicated in notification <u>2024-103</u>, revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans may be submitted through the <u>online reporting tool</u> of the clearing-house mechanism. I would like to encourage all Parties to make their submissions in this manner. The online reporting tool can be accessed at https://ort.cbd.int. Should Parties experience any difficulties in using it, they are invited to contact the Secretariat by e-mail to mea-cbd-monitoring-support@un.org.

I also wish to encourage Parties that have not yet submitted their national targets to do so using the online reporting tool. National targets submitted in this manner will be automatically populated in the online template for the seventh national report. This will be of assistance to Parties in preparing their national reports as it will enable them to report progress towards their national targets. In addition, the online submission of national targets will assist the Secretariat in preparing updated analyses of national contributions towards the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for the upcoming major meetings of the Convention and its Protocols.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker Executive Secretary

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





