

## NOTIFICATION

### Launch of the upcoming ‘Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support Project’ (GBF-EAS Project) and Help Desk

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform that the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will be launching the upcoming ‘Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support Project’ (GBF-EAS Project) during the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-4). The objective of this project is to fast-track readiness and early actions to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to align national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national biodiversity targets, policy, monitoring, and finance frameworks.

In the above regard, UNEP and UNDP are pleased to jointly invite delegates from eligible countries to the launch event, which will take place on Thursday, 23 June 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fountain Area of the UNON Compound. Speakers from the CBD Secretariat, GEF Secretariat, UNEP and UNDP will provide a project overview, and a buffet dinner will be served. Kindly note that this invitation is being extended to one delegate per eligible country. Delegates are requested to confirm their attendance (RSVP is required) by **20 June 2022** by e-mail to Antony Kamau ([antony.kamau@un.org](mailto:antony.kamau@un.org)) and Marion Marigo ([marion.marigo@undp.org](mailto:marion.marigo@undp.org)).

I would also like to inform Parties that UNEP, together with UNEP-WCMC and UNDP, and in coordination with the CBD Secretariat, will host a Help Desk to provide information on tools and processes that can assist Parties in undertaking timely actions for post-2020 global biodiversity framework implementation. Information will be provided in English, French, or Spanish. The Help Desk will be located outside of UNEP Conference Room 1 and will be open daily from Wednesday 22 June to Saturday 25 June, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Advance appointments are not necessary; however, a sign-up sheet is available [here](#). It is also possible to book a virtual session if you are unable to attend in person. For any additional information, Antony Kamau or Marion Marigo can be contacted at the above-indicated e-mail addresses before, during or after WG2020-4.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema  
Executive Secretary

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

