

NOTIFICATION
Invitation to participate in the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership
Rapid Capacity Needs Assessment Survey

Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, I would like to invite Parties to participate in a rapid capacity needs assessment survey intended to provide insights into the existing capacity and resources, the capacity needs and priorities and the challenges faced by Parties in the review, update, implementation and monitoring of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs).

The survey is being conducted by the interim Global Coordination Unit of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, comprising the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The results of the survey will help to inform and guide the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership and other NBSAP supporting initiatives and processes, including the GEF Early Action Support Project, on how to best support the Parties' capacity-building efforts and offer tailored support for the effective implementation and monitoring of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). The information gathered will also be crucial in facilitating the formation of communities of practice, fostering knowledge and experience-sharing, and enabling policy alignments.

The survey is accessible [here](#) and may take about 30 minutes to complete. We recognize that this is a significant investment of your time, but we believe the results will help shape global support for countries in achieving the GBF goals and targets. Kindly note that it would be preferable to make one submission per country. In this regard, national focal points are encouraged to consult with each other and prepare the submission in a coordinated manner. Please complete and submit the survey at your earliest opportunity but **no later than 15 September 2023**.

Should you require any further information, kindly refer to Annex A for additional instructions on how to complete the survey or contact the interim 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, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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

Annex A

Guidance on the Rapid Capacity Needs Assessment Survey

Background

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, initiated by the Governments of Colombia and Germany and launched at COP 15, currently comprises 21 governments and 8 organizations committed to accelerating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) through national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). Its aim is to enhance national ambition and political commitment to the NBSAP update, implementation and reporting by facilitating access to financial and technical support through customized in-country facilitation and matchmaking, enabling cross-country learning, raising the political profile of NBSAPs, and promoting collective action for nature-positive development.

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is undertaking a survey to gather information on countries' existing capacity, resources, and the capacity needs and priorities for the implementation of the GBF. The results will help to inform and guide the Partnership and other NBSAP supporting initiatives and processes on how to best support Parties' capacity-building efforts and offer tailored support for the effective implementation and monitoring of the GBF.

Time Commitment and Requested Deadline

The survey may take up to 30 minutes. Kindly complete it by no later than **15 September 2023**.

Accessing and Completing the Survey

The survey is accessible [here](#) without needing an account. It can be paused and resumed, with records automatically saved within the same browser. To continue where you left off, select "Load Record" when re-opening the link. Draft records can be accessed by clicking the orange icon on the left-hand corner.

Warning: Clearing your browser cache will permanently delete the draft and any unsubmitted record.

Submitting the Survey

Click the orange "Submit" button on the last screen of the survey to submit your responses.

System Requirements

There are no system or software requirements to complete the survey. Internet access is needed to open the survey, but you can complete it offline. Click the orange "Submit" button on the last screen of the survey once your internet connection is restored.

Languages

The survey is available in English, French, Spanish and Russian. To switch the language, use the drop-down menu on the upper right-hand corner.

Privacy Policy

Your personal information is contained behind secured networks and is only accessible by a limited number of persons who have special access rights, and are obliged to keep the information confidential. In addition, all sensitive information you supply is encrypted via Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology.