**Bio-Bridge Initiative for Technical and Scientific Cooperation**

**Request for Assistance Form**

Introduction

The aim of the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI) is to catalyze and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation (TSC) among Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Parties to its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing (NP) by: assisting Parties requiring support to articulate their needs or elaborate their requests for assistance; and helping in matchmaking the requests for assistance with available support including expertise, technical tools and resources, data and information, technologies, technical know-how as well as opportunities for joint development of biodiversity-related solutions.

BBI is not a funding mechanism but a programme to promote and facilitate systematic, coherent and coordinated TSC and technology transfer with a view to supporting the effective implementation of the CBD and its Protocols.

Notes:

* *Mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk (\*);*
* *Optional fields may be completed if relevant information is already available. Fully completed request forms may be considered as pre-proposals ready to proceed to the matchmaking stage. Partially completed forms will be considered only as a submission of needs requiring further articulation and elaboration into a pre-proposal with the assistance of the BBI helpdesk.*

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|  | Requesting country\* | <Country> |
|  | Title of the request\* | <Text entry> |
|  | Name of requesting government agency, institution or organization\* | <Text entry> |
|  | Contact person for this request\* | Name: <Text entry> |
| Department or Unit: <Text entry> |
| Position: <Text entry> |
| Email: <Text entry> |
| Phone number: <Text entry> |
| Address: <Text entry> |
|  | Problem Statement: Describe the biodiversity issue or technical/ scientific need(s) or gap(s) to be addressed through the assistance requested*(Provide only information directly relevant to this request*)\* | <Text entry> |
|  | Linkages to national priorities: Describe how the assistance requested is aligned with documented national priorities\* | [ ]  The assistance requested will address documented national priorities (e.g. in NBSAP, national sustainable development plan, etc.)*Please specify*: <Text entry>[ ]  The assistance requested is in line with other national policies*Please specify*: <Text entry>[ ]  The assistance requested is not linked to any national plan/policy[ ]  The country's National Focal Point is aware of this request and will be copied on future correspondence |
|  | Indicate the Aichi Biodiversity Target(s) are relevant to this request for assistance\* | [ ]  TARGET 1: Increased awareness of biodiversity values[ ]  TARGET 2: Biodiversity values are well integrated into strategies, planning and accounting[ ]  TARGET 3: Incentives harmful to biodiversity are reformed[ ]  TARGET 4: Sustainable production and consumption increased[ ]  TARGET 5: Habitat loss, fragmentation and degradation reduced[ ]  TARGET 6: Sustainable exploitation of aquatic resources[ ]  TARGET 7: Sustainable agriculture, forestry and aquaculture[ ]  TARGET 8: Pollution is reduced[ ]  TARGET 9: Invasive alien species are identified, prioritized and controlled[ ]  TARGET 10: Pressures on coral reefs and other vulnerable ecosystems are minimized[ ]  TARGET 11: Protected areas are increased[ ]  TARGET 12: Threatened species status improved[ ]  TARGET 13: Genetic diversity of crops, animals and wild relatives is maintained[ ]  TARGET 14: Ecosystems that provide essential services are restored and safeguarded[ ]  TARGET 15: Ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks has been enhanced[ ]  TARGET 16: Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization is in force and operational[ ] TARGET 17: Each Party has developed and implemented a national biodiversity strategy and action plan[ ]  TARGET 18: Traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for biodiversity, and their customary use of biological resources, are respected[ ]  TARGET 19: Knowledge, the science base and technologies relating to biodiversity are improved, widely shared and transferred, and applied[ ]  TARGET 20: Mobilization of financial resources for effectively implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 from all sources is increased |
|  | Indicate the type(s) of assistance that would be required to address the identified need(s)/gap(s) | [ ]  Access to or transfer of specialized knowledge/ know-how[ ]  Access to or transfer of technology[ ]  Access to data/information (e.g. assessment/research results)[ ]  Case studies, toolkits, publications[ ]  Equipment, infrastructure [ ]  Expertise (e.g. on site experts/consultants, virtual help desk)[ ]  Joint research or joint ventures for technical solutions[ ]  Institutional development/support[ ]  Knowledge network, forum, community of practice, professional association membership[ ]  Project development/ implementation /evaluation support[ ]  Technical advice (e.g. legal advice, institutional support)[ ]  Technical assessment (e.g. technical studies, capacity assessment)[ ]  Tools, methodology or best practices (e.g. policy support tools, reference resources) [ ]  Training, on-job learning, mentorship[ ]  Other; *please specify*: <Text entry> |
|  | Provide more details about the nature and scope of the assistance requested  | <Text entry> |
|  | Geographic scope of the request | [ ]  Community-based [ ]  Sub-national [ ]  National [ ] Multi-country |
|  | Other country(ies) that may potentially be involved, if any  | <Text entry> |
|  | Organization(s)/ institution(s) that may potentially be involved, if any | <Text entry> |
|  | Type of institution(s)/ organization(s) to be involved in or benefit from this request | [ ]  Civil society organization[ ]  Ex-situ collection institution[ ]  General public [ ]  Government[ ]  National/federal[ ]  Sub-national [ ]  Indigenous peoples and local communities[ ]  Intergovernmental organization[ ]  Media[ ]  Private sector[ ]  Researchers/academia |
|  | Describe, if any, past or on-going initiatives implemented to address the issues/gaps identified above and explain how the assistance requested would complement/ add value to those efforts | <Text entry> |
|  | Describe potential outputs and outcomes from the assistance requested and explain how these would contribute to addressing the problem/ gap(s) stated above  |  <Text entry> |
|  | Indicate available co-financing and/or other support | <Text entry> |
|  | Timeframe of the request (if known) | *Start date:* YYYY/MM*End date:* YYYY/MM |
|  | Other relevant information | <Text entry>*and/or* <URL and website name> |
| **Request Submission** |
|  | Name of authorized person\* | <Text entry> |
|  | Date:\* | <YYYY-MM-DD> |
|  | Signature by the authorized person\* |  |
| This form should be sent ***by e-mail*** as an attachment to secretariat@cbd.int |