



NOTIFICATION

Fifth Call for Proposals under the Bio-Bridge Initiative

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to announce that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is now accepting proposals for the fifth round of technical and scientific cooperation demonstration projects under the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI).

BBI was established in 2014 at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, with initial funding from the Government of the Republic of Korea, to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation among Parties to the Convention and its Protocols. One of its main support mechanisms is the seed funding facility, which provides small grants to catalyze the development of projects that promote exemplary technical and scientific cooperation approaches, particularly through South-South and triangular cooperation, to address biodiversity-related issues and challenges.

The [criteria and procedure](#) to be used in the selection process are available on the [BBI website](#). As noted in the selection criteria, the proposals must be aligned with the [vision and mission of BBI](#) and should, among other things, contribute to the following:

- (i) Support countries in their efforts to achieve the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework targets](#) as indicated in relevant National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans;
- (ii) Seek to establish long-term cooperation between **two or more countries** on technical and scientific matters, including joint research and development of technical and scientific innovative solutions to address the key drivers of biodiversity loss; and
- (iii) Facilitate the transfer of technologies and/or exchange of specialized knowledge and know-how through institutional collaboration.

Relevant government institutions from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition as well as major stakeholders, especially indigenous peoples and local communities as well as women and youth organizations, are invited to submit proposals by filling out the [Seed Funding Proposal Form](#) and sending it by e-mail to: bbiproposals@cbd.int no later than **29 February 2024**. Implementation of the selected projects is anticipated to start in the second half of 2024.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

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

