



NOTIFICATION

“Information Note for Participants” and Side-Events Registration for the Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to provide some logistical information about the Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.

I am pleased to inform you that the “Information Note for Participants” for the meetings is now available and accessible on the CBD website at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2024> . In that regard, I wish to draw your attention to the following:

- (1) **Venue:** The venue of the meetings will be:
Centro de Eventos Valle Del Pacífico (CEVP)
Calle 15 N. 26 – 120 Autopista Cali
Arroyohondo, Yumbo
Cali, Colombia
E-mail: comercial@valledelpacifico.co
Web site: <https://valledelpacifico.co/>

It should be noted that the SBI 5 meeting, from 16 to 18 October 2024, will be held at the same venue.

- (2) **Visa:** For accredited delegates requiring visa, please note that the Government of Colombia has waived the visa fee to enter Colombia. To facilitate the process, a courtesy visa application link has been created and is accessible on the Government of Colombia’s COP 16 visa website at: <https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites/INFO-VISA-DELEGATES-COP16> . Please read carefully the visa information provided in the above website.
- (3) **Online registration:** The online registration for the meetings will be open on Monday, 8 July 2024.

Important to all delegates: In line with other UN meetings, each delegate will need to upload a copy of their passport bio-page and complete the “personal data” section on the Kronos registration system, as part of the online registration process for the meetings.

- (4) **Side events:** The online registration for side-event is now open and will close on 30 July 2024, and the link is accessible at: <https://www.cbd.int/side-events> . Governments, as well as organizations accredited to CBD meetings (please refer to notification [2024-038](#) for accreditation process for organizations), who wish to organize side-events are kindly requested to submit their request within the above timeframe. Preference and priority will be given to side-events convened by multiple partners hosting the side-event and requests may be limited or reduced depending on the slots available.

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

Kindly note that the Information Note for Participants will be updated as details become available. Participants are therefore encouraged to check back regularly for new updates. I thank you for your kind attention to the above matters.

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

Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary