



NOTIFICATION

Using the online reporting tool for the submission of revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets, and testing it for the submission of national reports

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notification [2023-117](#), I wish to encourage Parties to use the online reporting tool on the Convention's clearing-house mechanism to submit to the Secretariat their revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets. The feature for submitting national targets on the online reporting tool (<https://ort.cbd.int>) was developed in response to annex I of decision 15/6. Information on using the tool is available on the above webpage and in the afore-referenced notification. For any assistance, Parties are invited to send a request to the Secretariat by e-mail to mea-cbdmonitoring-support@un.org.

I would also like to invite Parties to participate in the testing of the online reporting tool for the submission of the seventh national report. The online reporting tool is the primary submission platform for national reports, and the modality for submitting national reports on the tool was developed in response to decision 15/6 (para 29 (d)) and on the basis of annex II of the same decision. Parties are invited to participate in testing the online reporting tool from **16 May to 8 July 2024**, on the following test site <https://ort.cbddev.xyz/>. Fictional data may be entered in order to test the functionality of the tool, noting that currently, only the functionality for headline indicators B.1, C.1 and D.1 is available for testing. Parties are invited to share their experience on testing the online reporting tool using this [template](#) to be submitted through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism at: <https://chm.cbd.int/submit/submission/new?notification=2024-045>. A webinar related to the testing is being organized on **11 June 2024** and interested Parties may [register for the webinar here](#).

Finally, I am pleased to inform Parties that a help desk will be available for the full duration of the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to be held from 21 to 29 May 2024 in Nairobi, to provide support related to the submission of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national targets and national reports. In addition, the online reporting tool will be presented in a [side-event](#) about the information technology platforms of the Convention, to be held on **23 May 2024**.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

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