

NOTIFICATION**Invitation to the High-Level Segment of the UN Biodiversity Conference 2024 in Cali, Colombia**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notification [2023-135](#) informing that the Government of the Republic of Colombia would be the host of the UN Biodiversity Conference 2024, I am pleased to inform Parties that the official invitation to the High-Level Segment, to be held on 29-30 October 2024, from Her Excellency Ms. Susana Muhamad, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, has been dispatched through diplomatic channels to the Ministers in charge of the Convention's portfolio.

The aim of the High-Level Segment is to provide an opportunity for Ministers and invited leaders from international organizations and civil society, among others, to report back on actions and/or initiatives underway to continue momentum for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, also referred to as the Biodiversity Plan. The timing of the High-Level Segment will also enable Ministers to support the final stages of the negotiations of the Conference on key issues such as the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequencing information on genetic resources, and resource mobilization.

To this end, I encourage Parties to follow up with their respective Ministers to confirm their in-person participation in this important event, by e-mail to: internacionales@minambiente.gov.co with copy to cop16hls@cbd.int, at their earliest possible convenience. A guidance note on the delivery of national statements, as well as a logistical information note, will be provided in due course.

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