

NOTIFICATION**Invitation to participate in a training needs assessment on conservation leadership**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Conference of the Parties, in its [decision 15/8](#), adopted a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development (LTSF) and encouraged Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to use it in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their capacity-building and development initiatives and programmes supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The LTSF highlights, *inter alia*, the need for mechanisms to provide strategic leadership and foster coordinated capacity-building and development action for biodiversity at the global, regional and national levels.

The Secretariat, in collaboration with partners, has undertaken a number of steps to promote awareness and use of the LTSF to support implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework. In December 2022, the Secretariat signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Cambridge, among other objectives, to accelerate the development of capacities of national biodiversity experts and conservation leaders to support the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework. In this context, the University of Cambridge and the Secretariat are carrying out a training needs assessment to identify key leadership skills required by Parties.

In this regard, I am pleased to invite Parties to complete a short questionnaire, accessible at this [link](#), as soon as possible, but no later than **15 December 2024**. The results of the survey will be used to guide the design of leadership training to support implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention and its Protocols.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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