



NOTIFICATION

Registration for side-events and information for participants at the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 25) 15 to 19 October 2023 – Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notification [2023-070](#) dated 30 June 2023, and notification [2023-081](#) dated 31 July 2023. As indicated in the latter, the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 25) will now be held from 15 to 19 October 2023 at the United Nations Environment Programme headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting will be preceded by a workshop on recently completed IPBES assessments on 13 October 2023, which will be open to all participants of SBSTTA 25.

The “Information Note for Participants”, providing further information on the logistical details, including visa requirements and the list of recommended hotels in Nairobi, will soon be made available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-25>.

The Secretariat invites the submission of requests for side-events for SBSTTA 25 on topics relevant to the agenda items as described in its [provisional agenda](#), to further enrich discussions by the Subsidiary Body. Requests should be made using the **online** submission system, available on the Secretariat’s website at: <https://www.cbd.int/side-events>. The deadline for the submission of requests is **30 August 2023**. Requests received after the deadline will not be considered. Please also note that only those requests that are directly relevant to the issues to be discussed at SBSTTA 25 will be considered.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of available slots, the number of side-event requests per Government or organization will be limited. Partners are encouraged to combine and co-organize events on similar topics. The list of side-events, once processed by the Secretariat, will be made available at <https://www.cbd.int/side-events>. The information on side-events, including catering, will be available in the “Information Note for Participants”.

Side-events will be allocated to meeting rooms equipped with LCD projectors and computers/laptops for PowerPoint presentations at no cost to the side-event organizers. However, when an event is scheduled in a room that does not already contain the required equipment, organizers may bear the cost for securing equipment. Should this be the case, organizers will be notified accordingly. Please note that side-events may be rescheduled depending on official sessions of the meeting. Should such a situation occur, it is the responsibility of side-event organizers to advise the caterer accordingly.

I look forward to your participation in the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and its side-events.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

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

