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Dear Colleagues,

**Consultation on the Monitoring Framework accompanying the Global Biodiversity Framework**

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the consultation on the monitoring framework of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is in the process of developing the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. This Global Biodiversity Framework aims to provide an ambitious direction for all (countries, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and others). The goals and targets in the Framework will be accompanied by a detailed monitoring framework (including both the indicators and the modality for monitoring). Background information on the development of the post-2020 monitoring framework can be found in two information documents from the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, CBD/SBSTTA23/INF/3 and CBD/SBSTTA23/INF/4 which were prepared in response to recommendation 23/1 of that meeting, specifically paragraph 13, which:

*Requests the Executive Secretary to submit for peer review by Parties and stakeholders the document on “Indicators for global and national biodiversity targets: experience and indicator resources for development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework”, and, in collaboration with other members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, to prepare an analysis of the use of indicators in the sixth national reports, and, drawing upon this information as well as the inputs to the peer review and other relevant information, including CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/3, to prepare a document that identifies the range of relevant existing indicators, baselines, baseline dates, or other appropriate methods for monitoring changes in biodiversity, indicator gaps, and, where relevant, options for filling such gaps and for a monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account the outcomes of the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and to issue the document no later than six weeks in advance of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration;*

Currently, there is a process to identify indicators for the draft monitoring framework and proposed monitoring elements for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The intention is to base this on existing indicators with globally available data; however, there is also an effort to identify existing national monitoring initiatives which could be applied globally and aspirational (or idealistic) indicators which monitor issues that are essential to biodiversity. This framework is currently open for review at <https://www.cbd.int/sbstta24/review.shtml>. In addition to the indicator framework, a mapping between the Global Biodiversity Framework and the SDGs is also open for peer review.

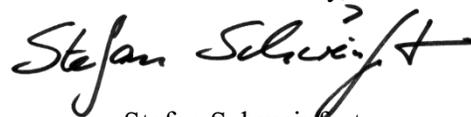
Please, provide comments on the indicator framework and the SDG mapping document by 25 July 2020. The indicator framework is detailed and includes a long list of possible indicators and thus the Secretariat for the CBD has suggested that in considering also its current work on the revision of the System of Environmental Economic Accounting Experimental Ecosystem Accounts (SEEA EEA) and your experience in developing the SDG indicator framework, you may wish to provide comments on:

- (1) the process: including how you believe the statistical community could be better engaged and lessons learned on how a global monitoring framework can be developed to facilitate both national and global monitoring;
- (2) gaps: there are a number of monitoring elements which cannot be measured, suggestions on better capturing these gaps, particularly on the link with broader social and economic development issues.

Please, feel free to send comments directly to the CBD using the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/sbstta24/review.shtml>. If you have any comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Alessandra Alfieri ([seea@un.org](mailto:seea@un.org)) of my office who can provide further guidance and clarification on the process.

I believe that this is an opportunity for the statistical community to be involved on the development of the monitoring framework for biodiversity from the start. I would like to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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