



Cooperation for the Convention on Biological Diversity
Invitation - Training session on SBSTTA 26 substantive agenda items
(online April 2nd 2024 from 14:00 – 17:30h CET)

Dear registered experts and knowledge holders,

I am contacting you in the context of the [CO-OP4CBD project](#), an EU-funded project which aims to:

- Engage the best available experts to support the EU, Member States, and Associated Countries and their negotiators in processes of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- Improve access to European expertise, and;
- Contribute to the development of monitoring and review process to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF.

In this context, we are organizing an online training session on April 2nd around some of the topics of the SBSTTA 26 agenda, namely:

- A. Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (item 3)
- B. The “biotechnology package”:
 - a. Synthetic biology. (item 5)
 - b. Risk assessment and risk management. (item 6)
 - c. Detection and identification of living modified organisms. (item 7)
- C. Marine and coastal biodiversity, and in particular Conservation and sustainable use (item 8b)
- D. Biodiversity and health. (item 9)

This training session will take stock of the SBSTTA 26 agenda, history, context, and look at some of the challenges of the topics above in the context of the CBD. It will target an audience of thematic experts who are not necessarily familiar with the CBD process but would like to learn more about it.

Should you wish to attend this training session on April 2nd at 14hrs CET, a Teams meeting link is included in the email that was sent to you.

On behalf of the CO-OP4CBD team,

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