



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Questionnaire on the development of an Integrated CITES capacity-building framework

1. At its 18th meeting (Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.39 to 18.46 on *Capacity-building* whereby the Standing Committee is mandated to undertake the following:
 - 18.41 *The Standing Committee shall establish a working group on capacity-building to advise the Standing Committee on the actions outlined in Decisions 18.42 and 18.43 for the development of an integrated capacity-building framework to improve implementation of the Convention.*
 - ...
 - 18.42 *The Standing Committee shall provide guidance to the Secretariat to refine and consolidate the areas of capacity-building efforts, taking into account the discussions on the Compliance Assistance Programme and Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews, as well as the discussion on the development of an integrated capacity building framework...*
2. Furthermore, the Secretariat has been tasked under Decision 18.46 to “develop a questionnaire and issue a Notification to Parties transmitting the questionnaire to gather input to inform the development of an integrated capacity-building framework”.
3. In document CoP18 Doc. 21.3, the capacity-building framework is described as follows: “A framework that encompasses all capacity building to help address Parties’ compliance and implementation issues can assist Parties and donors in identifying shared goals and performance indicators, and can provide a foundation for better planning and prioritization, and more efficient use of resources”. It is further explained that it could be based on a “conceptual model” that illustrates how various components of CITES function to support legal and sustainable trade, and combat illegal trade, and a “resource tracking tool” to target and monitor capacity building to help address compliance and implementation issues. It may also include other tools or guidance.
4. Accordingly, the Secretariat has developed the attached questionnaire based on document [CoP18 Doc. 21.3](#) Annex 5 and in consultation with the intersessional working group of the Standing Committee on capacity-building.
5. The Secretariat invites Parties to complete the questionnaire either online at <https://www.questionpro.com/t/ANNHOZgxDG> or by filling the form annexed to this Notification and to return it to the Secretariat no later than 12 April 2020.