



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties Sponsored Delegates Project – Extension of Deadline

1. CITES Parties are scheduled to convene in Panama City, Republic of Panama, for the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19) from 14 to 25 November 2022.
2. In [Resolution Conf. 17.3](#), the Conference of the Parties established a Sponsored Delegates Project with the aim to cover the cost of travel of a maximum number of two delegates from eligible developing countries to and from the venue of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the costs of accommodation, as well as a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting.

Call for support to CoP19 Sponsored Delegates Project

3. The Secretariat hereby invites all governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and private bodies that might be able to provide financial support to inform of their intention to contribute to this important project as soon as possible. The fundraising target for this project is USD 1 million to enable the Secretariat to provide the same level of support to eligible Parties as at previous meetings.
4. The final number of supported countries will depend on the funds raised. The Secretariat will keep Parties updated about the level of funds raised through the CITES website at https://cites.org/disc/sponsored_delegates_project.

Applications for support from the CoP19 Sponsored Delegates Project

5. Parties that require financial support for the travel and subsistence to attend CoP19 should contact the Secretariat to indicate their need for support using the attached form, and submit it to Mr. Fabrizio Trezza by email (trezza@un.org) or by fax (+41 22 797 3417). The deadline for **applications for support from the Sponsored Delegates Project has been extended to 30 June 2022**.
6. Only requests for financial support submitted by Management Authorities that have been designated as authorized to communicate with the Secretariat (in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2 or 3, of the Convention) before the deadline will be considered.
7. Regional representatives to the Standing Committee are encouraged to liaise with Parties that have poor access to the Internet in order to ensure that they are properly informed of this Notification and have the opportunity to respond on time. The Secretariat will also inform permanent diplomatic missions based in Geneva for the same purpose.

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Other sources of funding to support CoP19 participation of Parties

8. Parties are also reminded of [Resolution Conf. 17.3](#) urging governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and private bodies which decide to fund directly the participation in CoP19 of representatives from other Parties, as well as Parties whose delegates benefited from such funding, to inform the Secretariat about such funding, so that it may publish this information before the meeting.