



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Request for nomination:
CITES training workshop for the African region on
demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species

1. The Secretariat hereby informs Parties that the *CITES training workshop for the African region on demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* will be held in **Lusaka, Zambia from 11 to 12 September 2024**.
2. The workshop is organized by the CITES Secretariat and will be hosted by the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (CITES Management Authority of Zambia).

Mandate

3. Resolution Conf. 17.4 (Rev. CoP19) on *Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* "URGES Parties to make full use of the *CITES guidance on demand-reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* in their efforts to reduce demand for illegally acquired wildlife and their products through the 5-step approach in order to achieve behaviour change of the consumers".
4. Decision 19.55 on *Demand reduction to combat illegal trade* directs the Secretariat to organize regional training workshops on the use of the *Guidance*, subject to external funding.

Objectives of the workshop

5. This training workshop aims to build capacity for CITES Parties and their key partners in the African region in the use of the *CITES guidance on demand-reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species*.
6. In line with Resolution Conf. 17.4 (Rev. CoP19) which focuses on targeted strategies to achieve behaviour change of consumers as opposed to public awareness campaigns, Parties attending the workshop will be encouraged to choose priority species in their respective countries in advance of the workshop and to consider developing potential pilot projects for the use of the *Guidance*.
7. The training workshop will facilitate exchange of experiences among Parties in the region in the design and implementation of demand reduction strategies and to identify key partners both within the country and in the region.

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Information on logistics

8. The training workshop will be conducted in **English and French** and will be **in-person only**, without the possibility of online participation.
9. The costs for international travel, food and accommodation during the workshop for **one representative from each eligible Party in the African region** will be covered by the Secretariat. Due to the limited funds available and in order to maximize the outcome of the training workshop, priority for sponsorship will be given to Parties that are most affected by demand for illegally acquired CITES-listed species and will therefore benefit most from this training exercise. The participation of women representatives is highly encouraged.
10. Given the capacity of the venue and the number of places available, a limited number of relevant organizations that are active in the region will be invited to attend the workshop.
11. Nomination of participants and application for sponsorship should be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible and before **10 July 2024** through an official letter issued by the authority that can approve the travel. Enquiries about the workshop should be addressed to Mr. LIU Yuan of the CITES Secretariat at yuan.liu@cites.org.
12. An official letter of invitation for visa application, if needed, will be issued by the government of Zambia. More details on logistics will be shared with participants at a later stage.
13. The Secretariat is grateful to China and the European Union for the financial support for this workshop and to Zambia for agreeing to host the workshop.