



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/122

Geneva, 6 November 2024

CONCERNING:

Sponsored Delegates Project  
Call for financial support for the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee

1. The Standing Committee is scheduled to convene in Geneva, Switzerland for its 78th meeting (SC78) from 3 to 8 February 2025.
2. Pursuant to [Decision 19.10, paragraph a\)](#) and following up on Notification to Parties [No. 2023/053](#) of 25 April 2023, the Secretariat continues its endeavour to provide financial support for the participation in meetings of the Standing Committee of a maximum of two delegates from each developing country Party subject to an Article-XIII process.
3. At the time of writing, there are 21 developing country Parties subject to an Article XIII process. These are: Bangladesh; Benin; Burkina Faso; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Côte d'Ivoire; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Ecuador; Gambia (the); Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Madagascar; Mali; Nigeria; Niger; Senegal; Sierra Leone; and Togo.
4. The Secretariat hereby invites once again all governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and private bodies that might be able to provide financial support to inform the Secretariat of their intention to contribute to this important project as soon as possible. The fundraising target for this project is USD 252,000 to enable the Secretariat to provide an adequate level of support to eligible Parties.
5. Queries and offers from interested donors can be sent to the Secretariat at [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) with this Notification number and "Sponsored Delegates Project for SC78" in the subject line. In order to allow sufficient time to make the travel arrangements, offers for financial support to SC78 are accepted until **1 December 2024**.
6. 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](https://cites.org/disc/sponsored_delegates_project).

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