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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST CMS COP15

The CMS Secretariat is seeking expressions of interest from CMS Parties to host the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15).

Meetings of the CMS COP take place once every three years to review progress and agree on further actions to advance implementation of the Convention. They bring together CMS Parties, non-Party observers, partners and stakeholders.

Hosting this important meeting provides an opportunity to raise the profile of the host government and its conservation efforts and to generate additional interest and engagement.

Past CMS COPs and their locations are set forth below:

COP13 India (2020)	COP6 South Africa (1999)
COP12 Philippines (2017)	COP5 Switzerland (1997)
COP11 Ecuador (2014)	COP4 Kenya (1994)
COP10 Norway (2011)	COP3 Switzerland (1991)
COP9 Italy (2008)	COP2 Switzerland (1988)
COP8 Kenya (2005)	COP1 Germany (1985)
COP7 Germany (2002)	

COP14 will take place from 12-17 February 2024 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. COP15 would likely be scheduled to take place during the third or fourth quarter of 2026.

The Secretariat requests CMS National Focal Points to actively engage and explore this opportunity within their governments and reminds Parties of the possibility of co-hosting the meeting with joint funding from two or more Parties.

Should you wish to express interest in hosting COP15 and receive more information on technical and logistical requirements and projected costs, please contact Ms Maria Jose Ortiz, CMS Legal Officer (maria-jose.ortiz@un.org) by 1 October 2023. The Secretariat hopes to advance discussions with interested Parties in time to announce the COP15 host during COP14.

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