

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/099

Geneva, 18 August 2025

## CONCERNING:

### Youth delegates at the twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20)

1. In line with Resolution [Conf. 17.5 \(Rev. CoP18\)](#) on *Youth engagement*, the CITES Secretariat aims to strengthen its collaboration with Parties and other organizations on youth engagement initiatives.
2. In paragraph 3 of the Resolution, the Conference of the Parties:  
  
INVITES Parties and observer organizations to include youth delegates on official delegations and provide learning opportunities at CITES meetings.
3. Following the [launch of the CITES Global Youth Network in Singapore](#) in April 2024, as well as the [inaugural CITES Global Youth Summit](#) in May 2025, Parties and observer organizations are encouraged to consider including members of the CITES Global Youth Network in their delegations.
4. Further to these invitations, Parties and observer organizations are invited to inform the Secretariat of the names of any delegates between the ages of 18 and 30, in line with the target group of the [CITES Youth Leadership Programme 2024](#), in their official delegations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20) in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from 24 November to 05 December 2025. This will allow interested delegates between the ages of 18 and 30 to become part of the CITES Global Youth Network, if they are not already members, and will facilitate their engagement and empowerment as future leaders.
5. Submissions of the names and email addresses of youth delegates should be made to: Ms. Siiri Mäkelä ([siiri.maekelae@un.org](mailto:siiri.maekelae@un.org)).