

CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF MISSION

FROM : THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT : NOTIFICATION ON NAMIBIA HOSTING THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES 11), WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA



1. Introduction

This circular serves to inform all Heads of Missions that the Ministry has received communication from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT) regarding Namibia hosting the Eleventh Session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES 11) from 10 to 16 December 2024, in Windhoek, Namibia.

2. Discussion

MEFT emphasized that IPBES plays a critical role in assessing global biodiversity, its significance for human well-being, and the effectiveness of various conservation policies. These meetings convene global experts to address pressing issues and offer evidence-based recommendations to policymakers. MEFT has requested the Ministry to inform all Diplomatic and Consular Missions about this upcoming Conference.

3. Recommendation

In light of the above, Missions are advised to inform all participants attending the session to apply for visas well in advance, either at the Namibian Missions or through the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (MHAISS) online portal: <https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na>.