



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments  
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**14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 17 - 24 November 2018.**

This Circular informs Contracting Governments that the IWC Executive Secretary will attend the forthcoming 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 17 - 24 November 2018.

At IWC67 the Commission endorsed a series of recommendations relating to engagement with other organisations. These included a commitment to continue cooperation with members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions <sup>1</sup> including the CBD, and to attend the forthcoming meeting.

The Executive Secretary will intervene on topics of mutual interest, based only on existing IWC mandates and recommendations endorsed by the Commission and to highlight IWC interest in relevant topic areas. Specific interventions will be developed in consultation with Chairs of the relevant Working Groups, as appropriate. There will also be an opportunity in the margins of the meeting for promotion of some of the IWC's current work areas.

Contracting Governments are also invited to contact the Secretariat if they will be present at the meeting (including the High-Level Segment) and would like to use the opportunity for discussions with the Secretariat or for collaboration in promoting IWC work.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Executive Secretary

*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbd.int/blg/>