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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (MOP8) and extraordinary Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee (StC17) - update

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat would like to inform you that an extraordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee took place on 30 June 2021 upon request by the Standing Committee. The Committee, *inter alia*, closely analyzed the development of the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and discussed on the venue, format and date of the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP8) to AEWA in this context.

After the discussion it was concluded that a final decision concerning MOP8 would be taken by end of July, when the Committee will convene again for its 18th Meeting (StC18). The Standing Committee decided to launch a consultation process involving all national focal points of AEWA through the Regional Representatives of the Committee to receive information about the individual possibilities of and restrictions faced by AEWA Parties attending MOP8.

The Secretariat, in close cooperation with the Standing Committee, is preparing a questionnaire that all national focal points will receive as soon as possible through their respective Regional Representatives and to be filled out by mid-July before StC18.

The Secretariat will inform you immediately after StC18 about the decision taken regarding MOP8.

A dedicated webpage for MOP8 has been set up and made available on the AEWA website at:

[8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties \(MOP8\) to AEWA | AEWA \(unep-aewa.org\)](https://www.aewa.org/8th-session-of-the-meeting-of-the-parties-mop8-to-aewa)

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