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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### **8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (MOP8) and extraordinary Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee (StC17)**

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat would like to inform you that an extraordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee has been scheduled to take place on **28 July 2021** upon request by the Standing Committee. The Committee will, *inter alia*, discuss and decide on the venue, format and date of the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP8) to AEWA in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOP8 is scheduled to take place on **5 – 9 October 2021** in Budapest at the kind invitation of the Government of Hungary. The Standing Committee will closely analyze the development of the situation caused by the pandemic and take a decision whether MOP8 will be held in a physical format in Budapest as planned, or whether it will take place in a virtual format or be postponed to a later date. The Secretariat will inform you immediately after the Standing Committee meeting about the decision taken.

Dedicated webpages for StC18 and MOP8 have been set up and made available on the AEWA website at:

[18th Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee | AEWA \(unep-aewa.org\)](https://www.unep-aewa.org/18th-meeting-of-the-aewa-standing-committee)

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

To register for StC18 please go to <https://meetings.unep-aewa.org/meetings/StC18/registration>

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