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**The Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN)** develops evidence based Biodiversity Finance Plans and supports countries implementing finance solutions to reach their national biodiversity targets. It promotes national platforms, regional and global dialogues enabling countries to accelerate the reduction of their finance needs to the point where these biodiversity targets are no longer hampered by the systemic lack of investment. Biodiversity finance is not only about mobilizing new resources. It is concerned with delivering better on what is available, reallocating resources from where they harm to where they help, and acting today to reduce the need for future investments.

BIOFIN is managed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and thirty-five countries have joined the initiative to date. BIOFIN was developed in response to the 10th CBD Conference of the Parties (COP-10), which identified the need for better information on past expenditures and future financing needs, and for a comprehensive methodology to develop sound finance strategies to significantly reduce financial needs in the future.

In close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Regional Nodes initiative enables more countries to access the knowledge and tools generated through national implementation. More than 40 countries have received support from the platform BIOFIN or registered interest to apply the methodology. Several countries have progressed into full participation in BIOFIN through the Regional Nodes Platform.

### Based on demand the Regional Nodes support includes:

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Targeted technical support to develop in-country knowledge on the BIOFIN methodology</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Participation in webinars about biodiversity finance solutions and the BIOFIN methodology</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Engage in regional knowledge sharing platforms and events with other countries implementing the BIOFIN methodology</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Accessing and developing knowledge products tailored to the country needs</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Support the development of an inventory of existing finance solutions and the analysis of potential future solutions in the country and identifying the best opportunities adapted to the country situation</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Access to a global network of biodiversity finance experts</p>

### ? How to participate?

Countries are encouraged to submit their informal expressions of interest through: [Jessica Alvsilver jessica.alvsilver@undp.org](mailto:jessica.alvsilver@undp.org)

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