



# GENEVA ENVIRONMENT DIALOGUES

## COVID-19 impacts for CITES

*Webex & Facebook Live Event  
5 May 2020*

# Upcoming CITES meetings

1. 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the **CITES Animals Committee**.  
13-16 July 2020
2. 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **CITES Plants Committee**.  
20-23 July 2020
3. Joint sessions of the two committees  
17 July 2020
4. 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the **CITES Standing Committee** 5 – 10 October 2020

# Face-to-face meeting considerations

1. Health and safety of participants and staff servicing the meeting
2. National controls on public gatherings in the host country
3. Border closures or restrictions in the host country and the countries of meeting participants
4. Transport limitations or costs, particularly air transport
5. Liability in the event that sponsored delegates are 'trapped' during travel to, or at, the meeting venue

# Online meeting challenges

1. Tools and platforms: their capabilities and restrictions
  - Ease of use
  - Security
  - Participation limits
  - Universal accessibility
  - Interpretation needs
2. Rules of procedure
3. Decision-making protocols
4. Costs for participants

# Thank you very much

