

Dear Secretary Mrema,

With the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework still in development and calls for a [Global Deal for Nature](#) gaining traction, I would like to draw your attention to the complementary campaigns of the organization Population Matters encouraging "calling for the inclusion of positive, choice-based population solutions in the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework." As the [campaign summary](#) notes: *"Most of the current targets to halt the loss of biodiversity have not been met, in part because they fail to address human population growth, one of the main drivers fueling the destruction of nature. It's vital that the new framework addresses population to enhance the chance of success."*

Furthermore, Population Matters is [urging the UN](#) to *"explore options for the development of an international multilateral framework to address population and demographic challenges equitably, compassionately and effectively."* One such initiative that merits your attention is presented in [this article](#), a proposal for a new UN treaty on population which I nominated for the 2018 International Conference on Family Planning [EXCELL Award](#). The initiative was also nominated for a [UN SDG Action Award](#) and the [\\$1 Million Wilberforce Award](#).

Human health and the health of the natural world are intertwined. For this reason I respectfully seek your kind consideration in endorsing and supporting the advancement of these important efforts.

Many thanks for your time and best wishes on your well-deserved appointment.

Best regards

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