

NOTIFICATION

Invitation to participate in the peer review of the draft studies to inform the development of the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [15/9](#), paragraphs 16-17, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish, as part of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, and to further develop and operationalize the mechanism through a fair, transparent, inclusive, participatory and time-bound process. In the same decision, paragraph 22 (b) and (c), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to commission a study to analyse and model the extent to which a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, and any other options the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group may decide, meets the criteria in paragraphs 9 and 10 of said decision, and another study on the options for revenue-generating measures at different points along the value chain, the feasibility of their implementation and their costs relative to their potential revenue. Given that the studies are overlapping in their scope and in their required technical expertise, they were commissioned to the same team and combined into one document.

Accordingly, the Secretariat is pleased to inform Parties and observers that the draft for the compiled studies to inform the development and operationalization of the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources is now available for review. In the spirit of fairness, transparency, participation and inclusiveness in the DSI process, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and observers are invited to take part in this peer review process. The draft report is accessible at <https://www.cbd.int/dsi-gr/15-9-22bc-review>. Kindly submit your review comments to the Secretariat using [this](#) template, and send it by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int no later than **6 June 2024**.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, SBSTTA national focal points, Cartagena Protocol national focal points, ABS national focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations