

NOTIFICATION
Extension of Deadline:

Nominations for the Steering Committee of the multilateral mechanism for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including a global fund (“The Cali Fund”)

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference is made to notification [2024-113](#) issued on 10 December 2024, inviting national focal points, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to submit nominations for members and observers of the Steering Committee of the multilateral mechanism for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including the Cali Fund. I would like to thank those who have submitted nominations and invite those who have not yet done so to submit their nominations as soon as possible. I am also pleased to inform you that the deadline for submitting nominations has been extended to **12 February 2025**.

Nominees should be identified bearing in mind the terms of reference of the Steering Committee as set out in Enclosure IV of the Annex to decision 16/2. Nominations should be made through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, clearly indicating the name and full contact details of each nominee and be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae or note indicating the suitability of the candidate, and sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

As set out in the modalities (annex to decision 16/2), the multilateral mechanism, including the Cali Fund, will operate under the authority and guidance of and be accountable to the Conference of the Parties, and a steering committee is established to support the Conference of the Parties in this role (paragraph 28). The functions of the Steering Committee as set out in the terms of reference provided in Enclosure IV to the modalities, are:

- (a) to provide oversight of the operations of the Cali Fund, ensuring that the Fund disburses monies according to the present modalities;
- (b) to guide the operations of the secretariat of the multilateral mechanism;
- (c) to report and provide advice to the Conference of the Parties;
- (d) to develop a draft methodology for the review of effectiveness of the multilateral mechanism, including the Cali Fund, with indicators, where appropriate, for the factors to be considered in the review, as described in enclosure VI of the modalities, taking into account the relevant indicators of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

The Steering Committee will meet in person and online as necessary to carry out its functions, and will comprise 15 members nominated by Parties (three from each region), seven members from among indigenous peoples and local communities (one from each sociocultural region), and two members from United Nations entities, as well as six observers (two from each of civil society, scientific institutions and the private sector).

I look forward to receiving nominations for the Steering Committee at the earliest opportunity.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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