



NOTIFICATION

Submission of views and information regarding the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) decided to continue the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions until the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) and adopted a number of decisions containing requests to the Working Group, including to elaborate the new programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities, and institutional arrangements and modus operandi ([decision 15/10](#)). The dates and the provisional agenda of the twelfth meeting of the Working Group will be communicated in due course.

To allow the timely preparation of documentation for this meeting, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and stakeholders are hereby invited to submit views and information on the following matters, within the respective deadlines indicated below:

1. *In-depth dialogue on the role of languages in the intergenerational transmission of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices*

In [decision 15/20](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that the topic of the in-depth dialogue would be “the role of languages in the intergenerational transmission of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices”. Submissions of views and information on the topic of the in-depth dialogue should be sent no later than **21 April 2023**.

2. *Possible institutional arrangements and their modus operandi for the implementation of Article 8(j) and other provisions*

In [decision 15/10](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that institutional arrangements and future modus operandi for Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities would be decided at its sixteenth meeting. In paragraph 9 of [decision 14/17](#), the Conference of the Parties identified possible institutional arrangements and their modus operandi for the implementation of Article 8(j) and other provisions, such as, but not limited to:

- (a) Establishing a subsidiary body on Article 8(j) and related provisions with a mandate to provide advice to the Conference of the Parties, other subsidiary bodies, and, subject to their approval, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the respective Protocols, on matters that are relevant to indigenous peoples and local communities and are within the scope of the Convention;
- (b) Continuing the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions with a revised mandate within the framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
- (c) Applying the enhanced participation mechanisms used by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions for the participation of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, as appropriate, when addressing matters of direct relevance to indigenous peoples and local communities in the subsidiary bodies, to ensure their effective participation and to fully integrate them into the work of the Convention.

Submissions relevant to this matter should be sent no later than **21 April 2023**.

3. *Progress in the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provision*

As requested in [decision 15/10](#), paragraph 4, Parties and other Governments are invited to report on the implementation of the current programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, as well as on the application of the various voluntary guidelines and standards developed under the aegis of the Working Group and adopted by the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate, through national reports, and to relevant subsidiary bodies, to determine progress made. Submissions should be sent no later than **21 April 2023**.

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, TK Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations



4. *Joint Programme of Work on links between biological and cultural diversity: review and update the four indicators on traditional knowledge*

The Conference of the Parties decided to renew its commitment to the joint programme of work on the links between biological and cultural diversity, and implement, subject to the availability of resources, the elements and tasks of the joint programme of work. Task 2.b of the joint programme invites the Working Group on Article 8(j), together with the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to review and update the four traditional knowledge indicators, adopted in [decision XIII/28](#), which are relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, in the context of the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#), and the ongoing work on biological and cultural diversity and human well-being:

- (a) Trends of linguistic diversity and numbers of speakers of indigenous languages;
- (b) Trends in land-use change and land tenure in the traditional territories of indigenous and local communities;
- (c) Trends in the practice of traditional occupations; and
- (d) Trends in the degree to which traditional knowledge and practices are respected through the full integration, participation and safeguards in national implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Submissions of information on the status of the data and information, operationalization, review, and update of the four traditional knowledge indicators should be sent no later than **5 May 2023**.

All submissions should be sent, preferably electronically in Word format, to secretariat@cbd.int.

National Focal Point for Article 8(j) and related provisions

Finally, pursuant to decision [X/40 B](#), paragraph 7, Parties are reminded of the invitation to consider designating national focal points for Article 8(j) and related provisions to facilitate communications with indigenous and local community organizations and to promote the effective development and implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions. Parties that have not yet done so are therefore invited to designate a national focal point for Article 8 (j) and related provisions, including their full contact information, for inclusion on the list of national focal points on the website of the Convention. The current list of designated focal points is available [here](#).

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

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