

NOTIFICATION**Follow up to decisions of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing:
Overview of requests for action and planned meetings for the biennium 2025-2026**

Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to bring to your attention the decisions adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP 5) that contains requests for action to Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders in relation to the Nagoya Protocol, and to provide information on planned meetings for the biennium 2025-2026.

A list of the aforementioned requests and decisions is provided in the annex, as well as relevant decisions of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties related to access and benefit-sharing and the Nagoya Protocol.

A significant outcome of COP-MOP 5, amongst others, was decision NP-5/3, which adopted the Capacity-building and Development Action Plan for the Nagoya Protocol. This thematic action plan is aimed at supporting the effective implementation of the Protocol in the context of [Article 22](#) of the Protocol. As such, the Action Plan contributes to the implementation of Targets [13](#) and [20](#) of the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#) and the attainment of [Goal C](#) of the Framework moving towards the vision of living in harmony with nature by 2050.

Concurrently to COP-MOP 5, the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16) adopted several crucial decisions. Of those, one of particular relevance to the Nagoya Protocol is COP [decision 16/2](#), which adopted the modalities for operationalizing 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. In the same decision, the COP also decided that the global fund will be known as the Cali Fund, which was launched in the margins of the second resumed session of COP 16 in February 2025. In its decision [NP-5/14](#), the COP-MOP took note of the above decision. Further information on the activities relating digital sequence information on genetic resources can be found within notifications [2024-113](#), [2024-114](#), [2024-115](#) and [2024-116](#).

Intersessional meetings for the biennium 2025–2026

The following intersessional meetings related to the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit-sharing are planned to be held in line with the decisions adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol and at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

- Fifth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing
(tentatively second quarter 2026 - Montreal, Canada)
- Sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
(1-4 June 2026 - Montreal, Canada)

To: ABS national focal points and CBD national focal points (where ABS focal points have not yet been designated), indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant organizations and relevant stakeholders

- Sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House
(Third quarter of 2026, tentatively September / online or in-person to be confirmed)

The meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will consider the following issues in relation to the Nagoya Protocol:

- Second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol;
- Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol: The Secretariat issued notification [2025-033](#) on 14 March 2025 to ask for submissions of views from Parties, other Governments, relevant stakeholders and international organizations on the process proposed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of recommendation 3/16 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and reflections on the relationship among specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments. A synthesis of views received by the Secretariat will be made available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth or seventh meeting;
- Options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols.

The Secretariat will invite submissions in preparation for the intersessional meetings in due course and where appropriate.

Submission of the First National Report on the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

Parties are reminded that the first national reports on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol are to be submitted by **28 February 2026**. For further information, please see notification [2024-074](#) (issued on 19 July 2024) as well as the page on [frequently asked questions](#) about the first national report on the ABS Clearing-House.

Information submitted through the first national reports, as well as through the ABS Clearing-House, will be analysed for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its sixth meeting, and will serve as a contribution to the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol. For other queries or assistance, Parties may contact the Secretariat at absch@cbd.int.

The Secretariat remains available for any questions on any of the decisions and planned activities.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and support for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

Annex

Summary of requests for action as derived from the decisions adopted at COP-MOP 5 of the Nagoya Protocol and COP 16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity¹

Decisions adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol	
<u>Decision NP- 5/1. Report of the Compliance Committee</u>	
1.	<i>Urges</i> Parties to comply with their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization, ² acknowledging the need of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition for technical and scientific cooperation, capacity-building and development, technology transfer and financial resources;
2.	<i>Encourages</i> Parties to include access and benefit-sharing in the revision or updating of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans as a means of raising awareness and building support for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol;
3.	<i>Requests</i> Parties that have not yet completely put in place the legislative, administrative or policy measures necessary to implement the Nagoya Protocol to expedite the adoption of such measures and include the designation of one or more competent national authorities and one or more checkpoints;
4.	<i>Urges</i> Parties to make the necessary information available on the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, as required under Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Nagoya Protocol;
5.	<i>Requests</i> that Parties collaborate fully when contacted by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity ³ to provide information in relation to compliance with their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol;
7.	<i>Reminds</i> Parties of the deadline of 28 February 2026 for submitting their first national reports on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, and encourages Parties to complete the reporting process early and submit their reports well before the deadline, with a view to ensuring that the analysis for the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol is accurate and representative;
8.	<i>Urges</i> eligible Parties to submit their letters of commitment to the implementing agency in a timely manner in order to ensure that projects to support the preparation of their first national reports are submitted to the Global Environment Facility for approval well before the submission deadline for those reports;
10.	<i>Encourages</i> Parties to include the priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities in their proposals for funding from the Global Environment Facility, including the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, to enable support for capacity-building and development to reach indigenous peoples and local communities, in line with national circumstances and priorities.

¹ The full text of the decisions is available at www.cbd.int/decisions/np-mop?m=np-mop-05 and www.cbd.int/decisions/cop/?m=cop-16.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

Decision NP-5/2. Financial mechanism and resources

2. *Encourages* Parties to ensure that their national funding needs and priorities for implementing the Nagoya Protocol and achieving Goal C and Target 13 of the Framework are adequately reflected in their national biodiversity finance plans;

3. *Recommends* that, in adopting its guidance to the Global Environment Facility with regard to support for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention include the following requests to the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To make funds available in a timely manner to support eligible Parties in preparing and submitting their first national reports under the Nagoya Protocol;

(b) To strengthen its funding dedicated to support eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol;

(c) To support eligible Parties with the implementation of the capacity-building and development action plan for the Nagoya Protocol;⁴

(d) To continue to provide support to eligible Parties for undertaking activities in the following areas:

(i) Specific priorities for continued capacity-building and development to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol;⁵

(ii) Integration and mainstreaming of access and benefit-sharing on genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources in policies and activities related to biodiversity and sustainable development;

(iii) Development of long-term institutional capacities for managing, monitoring and evaluating national access and benefit-sharing frameworks;

(e) To examine options to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in order to enable the Global Environment Facility to fulfil its responsibilities in operating the financial mechanism for the Protocol on an interim and ongoing basis most effectively, and to report on those matters to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventeenth meeting;

4. *Also recommends* that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention include the elements listed in subparagraphs 3 (c) and (d) above in the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2026–June 2030);

5. *Encourages* eligible Parties to give due priority to access and benefit-sharing projects in the programming of their eighth replenishment country allocations under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources, making use of the notional allocation for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol available in the programming directions of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and taking into consideration the results of the sixth quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;

6. *Encourages* Parties to include the priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities in their proposals for funding from the Global Environment Facility, including the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, to enable support for capacity-building and development to reach indigenous peoples and local communities.

⁴ Decision NP-5/3, annex.

⁵ Decision NP-4/7 A, annex.

Decision NP-5/3. Capacity-building and development and awareness-raising

5. *Invites* Parties and other Governments to use the action plan to assess capacity-building and development needs and priorities, including, where appropriate, those of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and relevant stakeholders, in the development of capacity-building and development plans on access and benefit-sharing, respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, as part of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as national finance plans, to implement the Framework;

4. *Also recalls* decision NP-3/3, paragraph 4, which urges Parties to provide information on their national access and benefit-sharing procedures through the voluntary common format on procedures, as available in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;

5. *Further recalls* decision NP-3/3, paragraph 9, which invites Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations to make use of the interoperability mechanisms of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House to facilitate information exchange with their relevant databases, websites and information technology systems, decision NP-3/3, paragraph 10, which invites Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations, as appropriate, to include capacity-building activities related to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House in their relevant capacity-building activities, plans and projects in coordination with the Executive Secretary, and decision NP-3/3, paragraph 11, which invites Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations, regional development banks and other financial institutions, as appropriate, to support capacity-building activities related to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, including the Protocol's system for monitoring the utilization of genetic resources;

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations, regional development banks and other financial institutions, as appropriate, to support capacity-building and development activities, including those related to setting up national access and benefit-sharing electronic permitting systems and other relevant information technology systems that make use of the interoperability mechanisms of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;

Decision NP-5/4. Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing

6. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme to develop a capacity-building project aimed at enhancing the ability of developing country Parties to use and contribute effectively to the global operations of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, including through the development of national information-sharing systems and the provision of technical support;

7. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to provide financial support for projects related to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House that enhance the capacities of developing country Parties;

8. *Urges* Parties to publish all mandatory national information in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, as required under paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol and in decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, as well as any additional information relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, if available and as appropriate;

9. *Invites* other Governments to publish relevant available national information in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, in accordance with the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol and decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;

10. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and, as appropriate, relevant organizations, in coordination with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to include in relevant capacity-building and development plans and projects activities that contribute to fulfilling the information-sharing obligations under the Nagoya Protocol and the management and efficient publication of relevant national information in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;

11. *Invites* Parties, non-Parties, relevant international organizations, regional development banks and other financial institutions, as appropriate, to support the capacity-building and development plans, projects and activities referred to in paragraph 10 above;

Decision NP-5/5. Methodology for the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol

2. *Urges* Parties, and encourages other Governments, relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, and women and youth representatives, to publish information in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House so that it is available for the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol;

3. *Emphasizes* that Parties should submit their first national reports on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol by 28 February 2026 in order to facilitate the analysis for the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol;

4. *Urges* eligible Parties to submit their letters of endorsement to the implementing agency in a timely manner to ensure that projects to support the preparation of their first national reports are submitted to the Global Environment Facility for approval well before the deadline for submission of the reports;

5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility and the implementing agencies to facilitate the relevant processes in a timely manner in order to ensure that support is provided to Parties that submit their letters of endorsement;

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives and relevant stakeholders and other organizations to respond to the targeted survey and action to be carried out by the Executive Secretary of the Convention pursuant to paragraphs 18 (a) and 20 (c) of decision [NP-3/1 A](#) and to submit their views in order to inform a preliminary review of the compliance procedures and mechanisms set out in the annex to decision [NP-1/4](#) of 17 October 2014;

Decision NP-5/6. Enhancing the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

3. *Invites* Parties, and encourages other Governments, to:

- (a) Address all elements of Goal C and of Target 13 of the Framework when developing national targets and revising or updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans;⁶
- (b) Put in place, in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, the mechanisms and tools necessary for the collection of national information on monetary and non-monetary benefits received to be able to report on progress in achieving Goal C of the Framework;
- (c) Include the capacity and financial needs for collecting national information on monetary and non-monetary benefits received and implementing the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization,⁷ as appropriate, in the updating or revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and of associated national finance, capacity-building and development plans;

4. *Invites* Parties, and encourages other Governments and relevant organizations, to:

- (a) Enhance the integration of the Nagoya Protocol into, and the participation of the relevant national authorities in, the mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review addressed in decision 16/32 and referred to in decision 16/31;
- (b) Support the development of the mechanisms and tools referred to in paragraph 3 (b) above and the continuation and enhancement of the methodology to collect global information on certain types of non-monetary benefit-sharing for national disaggregation.

Decision NP-5/8. Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol

1. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant stakeholders and international organizations to submit views on the process proposed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of recommendation [3/16](#) of 28 March 2022 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and reflections on the relationship among specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments;

Decision NP-5/14. Digital sequence information on genetic resources

Recalling its decision [NP-4/6](#) of 19 December 2022,

Noting the outcome of the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources,⁸

Takes note of decision [16/2](#) of 1 November 2024 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity⁹ on digital sequence information on genetic resources, by which the Conference of the Parties to the Convention adopted the modalities for operationalizing 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.

⁶ See www.cbd.int/gbf/targets/13 for guidance notes prepared by the Secretariat for Target 13.

⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

⁸ See recommendation [2/1](#) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources.

⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

Decisions adopted at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on access and benefit-sharing	
<u>Decision 16/2. Digital sequence information on genetic resources</u>	
5.	<i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments, indigenous people and local communities, and relevant organizations to submit views on the issues referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4;
<u>Decision 16/9 A and B. Knowledge management and the clearing-house mechanism</u>	
A. Clearing-house mechanism	
2.	<i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments, the global coordination entity, the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and relevant initiatives and organizations to implement the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2024-2030, in order to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity ¹⁰ and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
3.	<i>Encourages</i> Parties to continue to take the steps necessary to establish or strengthen national clearing-house mechanisms and ensure their sustainability, taking into consideration national legislation;
4.	<i>Also encourages</i> Parties to nominate a national focal point or update information on their clearing-house mechanism national focal points, as applicable, and communicate the details of the national focal points to the Secretariat;
5.	<i>Urges</i> Parties, in line with Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention, and invites other Governments and relevant organizations, to provide financial and technical support to biodiversity capacity-building and development activities, taking into consideration the specific situations of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, to implement the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism;
6.	<i>Encourages</i> Parties to join relevant biodiversity-related networks and organizations, ¹¹ with a view to developing capacities to manage and share data and information in order to manage and conserve biodiversity effectively;
7.	<i>Requests</i> the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with its mandate, to consider funding requests from all eligible Parties to enable them to implement the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism;
8.	<i>Invites</i> the regional and subregional support centres and the global coordination entity of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism to facilitate the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism in collaboration with the Secretariat and relevant organizations and initiatives;
10.	<i>Invites</i> Parties to use the Bioland tool to establish or strengthen their national clearing-house mechanism portals;
B. Knowledge management	
3.	<i>Invites</i> Parties to enhance capacity-building and development, scientific and technical cooperation and access to and transfer of technology, which are critical to enabling the implementation of the knowledge management strategy, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation;
5.	<i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, scientific and academic institutions, women and youth representatives, the private sector, other relevant stakeholders and relevant organizations to implement the knowledge management strategy with the effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities and women and youth representatives;

¹⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

¹¹ For example, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility.

6. *Urges* Parties, in line with Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention, and invites other Governments and relevant organizations, to provide financial and technical support to biodiversity capacity-building and development activities, taking into consideration the specific situations of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, to implement the knowledge management strategy;

7. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with its mandate, to provide support for knowledge management within country-driven projects;

8. *Invites* the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the global coordination entity of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism to support the implementation of the knowledge management strategy in collaboration with the Secretariat, relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives and relevant initiatives;

Decision 16/28. Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds

19. *Reminds* all Parties to the Convention and its Protocols that contributions to the core trust funds are due on 1 January of the year for which those contributions have been budgeted, urges all Parties to pay them promptly, and requests that the Executive Secretary notify Parties of the amount of their contributions as early as possible in the year preceding the year in which the contributions are due;

22. *Urges* Parties to the Convention and its Protocols that have still not paid their contributions to the core trust funds for 2023 and previous years to do so without delay or conditionalities, and requests the Executive Secretary to publish and keep up to date the information on the status of contributions to the trust funds of the Convention and its Protocols (the three core trust funds, the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention and its Protocols, the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process and the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities) and to keep the members of the Bureaux of the Convention and its Protocols regularly apprised of the situation so that they may provide information on unpaid contributions and their consequences to the respective regions, as indicated in paragraph 24;

24. *Confirms* that, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2005 onward, Parties that have been in arrears with their contributions for two or more years are not eligible to become a member of the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to its Protocols or the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or to nominate a member of a compliance committee, and decides that this limitation only applies to Parties that are not least developed countries or small island developing States;

Decision 16/33. Financial Mechanism

5. *Invites* relevant Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to access proactively the notional allocation available for the Protocol from the eighth replenishment programming directions;

9. *Invites* developed country Parties, other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties and other governments to participate in the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund to support eligible developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition;

34. *Also requests* that the Global Environment Facility:

(a) Further increase flexibility in project cycles for all eligible Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, also taking into consideration the most environmentally vulnerable countries in the context of the provisions of paragraph 7 of Article 20 of the Convention;

- (b) Consider increasing support for sustained programmatic approaches and capacity building;
- (c) Continue to enhance country and local ownership, including by addressing the capacity support available to operational focal points and reviewing the role of its implementing agencies, while considering broadening their base, with a view to promoting more direct engagement of national entities in developing countries;
- (d) Further explore modalities to enhance the effectiveness of processes for funding activities under the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol and to encourage take-up by countries;
- (e) Further promote support for indigenous peoples and local communities, including by promoting their leadership of and partnership in projects, recognizing indigenous knowledge as a basis for activities supported by the Global Environment Facility and using targeted indicators to monitor projects, and consider establishing a funding target to support the priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities across the biodiversity programme of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund as whole;
- (f) Contribute to the implementation of the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach for the Framework by continuing to enhance effective engagement with civil society organizations, women and youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, the private sector, philanthropic and conservation organizations and other major stakeholder groups;

Decision 16/34. Resource Mobilization

5. *Encourages* all Parties, other Governments, organizations, multilateral development banks, the private sector and other stakeholders to use the strategy for resource mobilization as flexible guidance for mobilizing new and additional resources from all sources and aligning financial flows to implement the Convention and its Protocols and to achieve the goals and targets of the Framework, commensurate with their ambition;