

NOTIFICATION
Peer review of the thematic action plan in the context of synthetic biology

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [16/21](#), the Conference of the Parties decided to develop a thematic action plan to support capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology and knowledge-sharing in the context of synthetic biology for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in line with the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development (decision [15/8](#)). The Secretariat was requested to prepare a draft thematic action plan and submit it for peer review before the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

In response to these requests, the Secretariat commissioned the Institute of Genetics and Cytology of the National Academy of Belarus to assist with the preparation of the thematic action plan. The draft thematic action plan builds upon the submissions of information received in response to notification 2025-065, which are available on the [Biosafety Clearing-House](#).

I would like to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant stakeholders to participate in a peer review on the draft unedited thematic action plan, which is available at: https://www.cbd.int/synbio/current_activities/thematic.shtml. To facilitate the submission and collection of peer review comments, a template was developed and made available on the [dedicated website](#). Only comments using this template will be accepted. In addition to reviewing the text, I would like to kindly request proposals on potential indicators related to the outputs.

Submissions should be made through the Biosafety Clearing-House using the Submission (SUB) common format accessible at the following page: <https://bch.cbd.int/en/register/SUB/new>. Full instructions on how to upload submissions are provided [here](#). When uploading your submission to the Biosafety Clearing-House, kindly also provide an endorsement letter from the National Focal Point to the Convention on Biological Diversity or the Head of Organization, as appropriate. Submissions should be received no later than **26 January 2026**.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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