

NOTIFICATION**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:****Invitation to submit relevant information and updates on actions to give effect to decision 16/2**

Dear Sir or Madam,

At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties 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 ([decision 16/2](#)).

On 10 December 2024, the Secretariat issued notification [2024-113](#) providing an overview of the actions to give effect to decision 16/2.

Amongst them, actions to be taken by Parties and non-Party Governments to implement the modalities include:

- i. Administrative, policy or legislative measures, consistent with national legislation, to incentivize users in their jurisdiction to contribute to the Cali Fund in line with the modalities.
- ii. Actions by governments that fund, sponsor or host sequence databases to ensure that entities operating relevant databases take measures to ensure the effective implementation of the modalities operationalizing the multilateral mechanism.
- iii. Designation or establishment, by developing country Parties, of a national entity, such as a national biodiversity fund, or of an international, regional or subregional entity, to receive and distribute funds and to report on their use.

In line with the aforementioned substantive actions, I am pleased to invite Parties and other Governments to submit relevant information and updates through the Clearing-House Mechanism by using the following link: <https://chm.cbd.int/submit/submission/new?notification=2026-006> by **13 February 2026**. Should technical problems prevent the use of the clearing-house mechanism, submissions may be made through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points and ABS national focal points