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**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:****Extension of deadline to submit relevant information and updates on actions to give effect to decision 16/2**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference is made to notification [2026-006](#), issued on 15 January 2026, where Parties and other Governments were invited to submit relevant information related to the progress made towards the implementation of [decision 16/2](#). I would like to thank those who have submitted information and invite those who have not done so to submit information as soon as possible. I am also pleased to inform you that the deadline to submit nominations has been extended to **6 March 2026**.

To recall, 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 through [decision 16/2](#). Parties and non-Party Governments were invited to take the following actions to implement the modalities, including:

- 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 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 once again 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 the new deadline, **Friday, 6 March 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](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int).

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

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