



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 participate in the peer review of the draft study on private sector contributions to the Cali Fund: Eligibility thresholds, revenue potential and impacts on competitiveness

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [16/2](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity 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. In the same decision, in paragraphs 6(d) and (e) respectively, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare and commission the following studies: on national and international standards for the identification of the small, medium and large entities referred to in paragraph 3 of the annex to decision 16/2; and on contribution rates, including implications for revenue generation and economic competitiveness.

Due to limited resources and in view of the linkages between those two subjects, both studies were combined. As such, the Secretariat has commissioned an independent consultant to conduct a combined study on the above topics. The study will be presented to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting, to consider and establish thresholds and contribution rates, with the full study to be available in English as an information document, and the executive summary of the study made available as an official document.

The Secretariat is pleased to inform Parties and observers that the first draft of this study is now available for review. In the spirit of fairness, transparency, participation and inclusiveness in the DSI process, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and observers are invited to take part in this peer review process. The draft report is accessible at: www.cbd.int/dsi-gr/16-2-peer-review.

Kindly submit your review comments to the Secretariat using this [template](#) by uploading it to the clearing-house mechanism portal using this [link](#) by **Monday, 6 July 2026**. Should there be any technical difficulties, please send your comments via e-mail using the template to secretariat@cbd.int.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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