

## **WEBINAR ON SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY GOVERNANCE AND COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Webinar: Tuesday, 2 November 2021, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. EDT (GMT-4)**

### **Concept note**

Through decision [14/19](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to further pursue cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives on issues related to synthetic biology, including the exchange of experiences and information.

In response to this request, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with other international organizations is organizing the webinar “Synthetic biology governance and cooperation opportunities”.

The webinar aims to facilitate discussions and understanding on the perspective of various organizations in relation to synthetic biology as well as to share information on how synthetic biology is being considered through different lenses. To achieve this, the webinar will consist of two parts: one composed of brief presentations from representatives of international organizations sharing information on their activities related to synthetic biology, and a panel section wherein the representatives of the various organizations will have the opportunity to answer questions and interact with a view to further discussing opportunities available to foster collaboration within the field.

The webinar will have participation from representatives of the World Health Organization, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Biological Weapons Convention and the International Union for Conservation of Nature, as well as the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The webinar will be moderated by a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme.

This webinar is open to everyone interested in understanding how synthetic biology is being addressed by different international organizations. The webinar will be recorded and made available through the Biosafety Clearing-House to accommodate those who will not be able to take part. Likewise, the Secretariat will also open the opportunity for those that may not be able to participate live to send their questions to [synbio@cbd.int](mailto:synbio@cbd.int) by 1 November 2021.

The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, 2 November 2021, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. EDT (GMT-4)** and will be hosted through the GoToWebinar platform. Participants who wish to take part in the event can register using the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4999939385544018191>

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