



## Convention on Biological Diversity

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### **Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources Second meeting Montreal, Canada, 12–16 August 2024 Item 2 of the provisional agenda\* Organizational matters**

### **Annotated provisional agenda**

#### **Introduction**

1. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted decision [15/9](#) on digital sequence information on genetic resources, by which it established, as part of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including a global fund. It also established a fair, transparent, inclusive, participatory and time-bound process to further develop and operationalize the mechanism. The process included the establishment of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources to undertake further development of the mechanism, including the elements identified in the annex to the decision, and to make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
2. In its decision [NP-4/6](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention welcomed decision 15/9 and endorsed the multilateral mechanism established therein. It also endorsed the process established in decision 15/9 and requested the Working Group to also report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fifth meeting.
3. The Working Group held its first meeting from 14 to 18 November 2023, at which it established a committee of the whole and elected Mphatso Kalemba (Malawi) and William Lockhart (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) to serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee. The Working Group agreed that the Co-Chairs would continue their responsibilities at its second meeting and guide any intersessional work that might be required.
4. The Working Group developed possible elements of the multilateral mechanism, including a global fund, comprising those elements on which there was potential convergence and those on which there was a need for further discussion, organized into five clusters. The possible elements are listed in the annex to the report on the first meeting<sup>1</sup> and to be used as the basis for further discussions.

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\* CBD/WGDSI/2/1.

<sup>1</sup> CBD/WGDSI/1/3.

5. The Working Group also agreed to intersessional work to be carried out during the period between its first and second meetings, including information-sharing activities, informal consultations and exchanges, and discussions in an informal advisory group.

6. Furthermore, in its recommendation 26/1, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice invited the Co-Chairs of the Committee of the Whole to facilitate a discussion on possible approaches for monitoring the sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information through the multilateral mechanism and in the context of Goal C and Target 13 of the Framework, and to report on the results of the discussion to the Working Group at the present meeting. The Subsidiary Body also invited the Working Group, taking into account the results of the work of the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting, to develop options for the indicators on the sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information for possible inclusion in the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

7. The present meeting will be preceded by regional group consultations, on 11 August 2024.

## **Item 1**

### **Opening of the meeting**

8. In accordance with rule 26 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serves as the Bureau of the Working Group. Accordingly, the President of the Conference of the Parties, or his representative, will open the meeting at 10 a.m. on 12 August 2024.

## **Item 2**

### **Organizational matters**

9. The Working Group will elect a rapporteur on the basis of a recommendation from the Bureau.

10. The provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau, in accordance with rules 8 and 9 of the rules of procedure. The Working Group will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda and approve the proposed organization of work (annex I).

11. The Working Group is expected to conduct its work in plenary sessions with the support of the Committee of the Whole and of contact groups, as needed. Interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations will be provided in plenary sessions and sessions of the Committee of the Whole.

12. A list of documents for the meeting is provided in annex II.

## **Item 3**

### **Further development of the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including a global fund**

13. As indicated above, the Working Group is to undertake further development of the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including the elements identified in the annex to decision 15/9.

14. To assist it in that task, the Working Group will have before it the possible elements of a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including a global fund.<sup>2</sup> It will also have before it a synthesis of information for the further development of the mechanism,<sup>3</sup> which will also contain elements of a draft recommendation to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

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<sup>2</sup> CBD/WGDSI/1/3, annex.

<sup>3</sup> CBD/WGDSI/2/2.

15. The reflections of the Co-Chairs of the Committee of the Whole on the elements identified by the Working Group at its first meeting will be made available as document CBD/WGDSI/2/2/Add.1.

16. The executive summary of the studies commissioned pursuant to subparagraphs 22 (b) and (c) of decision 15/9 will be made available as document CBD/WGDSI/2/2/Add.2, while the full studies will be made available as document CBD/WGDSI/2/INF/1.

17. The report of the Co-Chairs on the outcomes of their informal intersessional activities, including the work of the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources, will be made available as document CBD/WGDSI/2/INF/2. The document will include information on the outcomes of the discussions convened by the Co-Chairs referred to in paragraph 6 above.

18. The Working Group will be invited to further develop the multilateral mechanism on the basis of the aforementioned documents and to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its sixteenth meeting. The Working Group will also consider the invitation from the Subsidiary Body regarding options for indicators on the sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information for possible inclusion in the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

#### **Item 4**

##### **Other matters**

19. Under agenda item 4, the members of Working Group will be given the opportunity to raise any other matters of relevance to the meeting.

#### **Item 5**

##### **Adoption of the report**

20. The Working Group will be invited to adopt the report of the present meeting prepared by the Rapporteur.

#### **Item 6**

##### **Closure of the meeting**

21. The meeting is expected to close at 6 p.m. on 16 August 2024.

**Annex I****Proposed organization of work**

<i>Day and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
<b>Monday, 12 August</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters Item 3. Further development of the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including a global fund
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Tuesday, 13 August</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> )
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 14 August</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> )
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 15 August</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> )
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Friday, 16 August</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> ) Item 4. Other matters
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	Item 5. Adoption of the report Item 6. Closure of the meeting

## Annex II

### List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/WGDSI/2/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/WGDSI/2/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
CBD/WGDSI/2/2	Synthesis of information for the further development of the multilateral mechanism established under decision 15/9, including elements of a draft recommendation
CBD/WGDSI/2/2/Add.1	Reflections of the Co-Chairs on the possible elements identified by the Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources at its first meeting
CBD/WGDSI/2/2/Add.2	Executive summary of the studies commissioned pursuant to decision 15/9
CBD/WGDSI/2/INF/1	Studies commissioned pursuant to decision 15/9
CBD/WGDSI/2/INF/2	Report of the Co-Chairs on the outcomes of their informal intersessional work
CBD/WGDSI/1/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources on its first meeting