

NOTIFICATION**Extension of deadline: Submissions of information on synthetic biology to support the preparation of the thematic action plan in the context of synthetic biology and the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference is made to notification [2025-065](#), inviting Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, academia, research institutions, the business sector and relevant organizations to submit information relevant to the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology and information to support the preparation of the thematic action plan in the context of synthetic biology.

To allow for additional time to complete the submissions, I am pleased to extend the deadline for submissions of information until **1 August 2025**.

As a kind reminder, information should be submitted through the Biosafety Clearing-House using the Submission (SUB) common format accessible at the following page: <https://bch.cbd.int/en/register/SUB/new>. Full instructions on how to upload your submission are provided at the following link: https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/instructions-submit_info_bch.docx.

A template for submitting information is available at the following link: https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/submissions_synbio_dec-16_21.docx. Submissions from Parties and other Governments should be made through the National Focal Points of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In the case of organizations, information should be submitted through the Head of such organization. Information should be submitted as both Word and PDF files as soon as possible.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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