



NOTIFICATION

Series of webinars on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources in preparation for the UN Biodiversity Conference 2024 in Cali, Colombia

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Ad-Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-Sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources (Working Group), at its second meeting in August 2024, adopted recommendation 2/1 on the further development of the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information (DSI) on genetic resources, including a global fund, for consideration at the upcoming sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Secretariat and the co-chairs of the Committee of the Whole of the working group are convening a number of webinars to provide further information that may be useful to support Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and stakeholders in their preparation for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The webinars' schedule and registration links are attached in the annex to the present notification. Further information can be found [here](#). Each webinar is scheduled to last between 45 and 90 minutes and will be conducted in English only. The webinars will be recorded and made available on the CBD website.

For any inquiries, please contact the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int.

I look forward to your active participation in these important webinars.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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

Annex

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Friday, 27 September 2024 at 8:00 a.m. EDT

Scoping study on the potential future commercial use of digital sequence information on genetic resources

The Working Group, at its first meeting, identified the need for further discussions on how to ensure that the multilateral mechanism is future proof. Therefore, the Secretariat partnered with the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to conduct a scoping study on potential future commercial use of digital sequence information on genetic resources. This webinar will present an advanced version of the study and provide an opportunity for questions and answers.

An advanced version of the scoping study is available [here](#) for download.

You may register for this webinar using this [link](#).

Tuesday, 1 October 2024 at 7:00 a.m. EDT

Potential elements of a formula for allocation of funds from the global fund of the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources

The Working Group, at its second meeting, identified several potential elements for a formula for disbursement from the global fund, outlined in paragraph 19 and enclosure B of recommendation 2/1. This webinar will present information on a number of issues related to these matters.

You may register for this webinar using this [link](#).

Thursday, 3 October 2024 at 9:00 a.m. EDT

Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization regarding the adequate entity to receive and disburse the revenue generated by the multilateral mechanism

The Working Group at its second meeting included in its recommendation a placeholder for administration of the fund pending a final decision by the Conference of the Parties. The Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization, at its third meeting, examined the adequate entity to receive and disburse the revenue generated by the mechanism established under decision 15/9 (CBD/COP/16/5), and the Committee considered the advantages and disadvantages of several fund host options.

The co-chairs of the Committee of the Whole, together with the co-chairs of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization, will convene this webinar to provide a summary of the outcomes from the third meeting of the Advisory Committee.

You may register for this webinar using this [link](#).