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NOTIFICATION

The multilateral mechanism for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including a global fund ("The Cali Fund"):

Submission of views on possible new tools and models, such as databases, for making digital sequence information on genetic resources publicly available and accessible

Dear Sir or Madam,

As noted in notification 2024-113, at its sixteenth meeting, by decision 16/2, the Conference of the Parties adopted the modalities for operationalizing the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including the global fund, which are set out in the annex to the decision, and decided that the global fund will be known as the Cali Fund for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources. By the same decision, Parties also set out some intersessional work.

In particular, the Conference of the Parties, in decision 16/2, decided to explore possible new tools and models, such as databases, for making digital sequence information on genetic resources publicly available and accessible in a transparent and accountable manner to all Parties.

Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations are invited to submit their views on this issue as soon as possible but no later than 4 April 2025, through clearing-house central portal of the mechanism using the following link: https://chm.cbd.int/submit/submission/new?notification=2024-115. Should technical problems prevent the use of the clearing-house mechanism, contributions may be sent through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int .

The Secretariat will make all views received available online and will prepare a synthesis of the views and commission a study on the matter. The Secretariat will make the synthesis and study available to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for consideration at its sixth meeting, so that the Subsidiary Body can make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

Please note that this notification is part of a series of four notifications on digital sequence information on genetic resources (see also notifications <u>2024-113</u>, <u>2024-114</u>, and <u>2024-116</u>).

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker Executive Secretary

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





