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NOTIFICATION**Call for expression of interest for the independent, scientific study on synthetic biology and informal explanatory webinar**

Dear Sir or Madam,

At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary in decision [16/21](#) to commission an independent scientific study compiling and summarizing existing scientific studies, public research and development funding needs and priorities, as well as research road maps on synthetic biology applications that are relevant to achieving the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular its Targets 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 17 (also see decision [15/4](#)).

In this regard, the Secretariat invites researchers or teams of researchers from governmental agencies, research and academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations to submit expressions of interest to undertake the above-mentioned study. The terms of reference for the study are described in the Call for Expression of Interest available on the Secretariat's website at <https://www.cbd.int/secretariat/rfp>.

Expressions of interest should be submitted by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but no later than **13 June 2025**.

To support submissions of expressions of interest, the Secretariat will also hold an informal explanatory webinar, which will include an overview of the terms of reference for the scientific study, the contractual process and anticipated deadlines. Following a presentation by the Secretariat, attendees will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at 7 a.m. EDT. To register for the informal webinar, kindly use the following link: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/dfc588b2-3c92-496f-9656-3bc31844e313@0f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70>.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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