



NOTIFICATION

Peer review of the independent scientific study on synthetic biology

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [16/21](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary 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, to support the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology.

In response to this request, the Secretariat conducted an expression of interest process through notification [2025-070](#), in which the Brazilian Association of Bioinnovation (Associação Brasileira de Bioinovação), SENAI Institute of Innovation in Biodiversity and Circular Economy (Instituto SENAI de Inovação em Biodiversidade e Economia Circular) and SENAI Institute of Innovation in Biosynthetic and Fibers (Instituto SENAI de Inovação em Biossintéticos e Fibras) were selected to conduct the study.

At this time, I would like to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women organizations, youth organizations and relevant stakeholders to participate in a peer review of the scientific study, which is available at: https://www.cbd.int/synbio/current_activities/scientific_study. To facilitate the submission and collection of peer review comments, a template was developed and made available on the [dedicated website](#). Only comments using this template will be accepted.

Submissions should be made 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 submissions are provided [here](#). When uploading your submission to the Biosafety Clearing-House, kindly also provide an endorsement letter from the National Focal Point to the Convention on Biological Diversity or the Head of Organization, as appropriate. Submissions should be received no later than **13 April 2026**.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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