

NOTIFICATION**Submission of information relevant to the voluntary “Guidance on the Assessment of Socio-Economic Considerations in the Context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety”**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [CP-10/12](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety recalled the voluntary “Guidance on the Assessment of Socio-Economic Considerations in the Context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety” noted in decision CP-9/14, and acknowledged the need to gather and share further information on methodologies and approaches. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders, as appropriate, were invited to use the voluntary Guidance and submit experiences in the use of the Guidance to the Executive Secretary, as well as examples of methodologies and applications of socio-economic considerations in the light of the elements of the voluntary Guidance.

Against this background, I invite Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to submit information on: (1) experiences in the use of the voluntary Guidance; (2) examples of methodologies and applications of socio-economic considerations in the light of the elements of the voluntary Guidance.

The information should be submitted no later than **15 January 2024** through the Biosafety Clearing-House using the Submission (SUB) common format accessible at the following link: <https://bch.cbd.int/en/register/SUB/new>. The submission should include a signed endorsement by the national focal point for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Full instructions on how to upload submissions are provided [here](#).

The information received will be compiled and submitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its eleventh meeting, with a view to determining the need for further work.

In response to paragraph 4 of decision CP-10/12, several Parties have already submitted information on certain aspects of their experiences as relevant to Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol. In making a submission pursuant to the current notification, these Parties may wish to refer to the relevant parts of the information already shared, as appropriate, to avoid duplication.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

(Signed) **David Cooper**
Acting Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol national focal points, CBD national focal points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated), relevant organizations, and indigenous peoples and local communities