

# The Global Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS) Virtual Conference 2020



The Global Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS) Virtual Conference 2020 will focus on the exchange of experiences and lessons learnt from all the different ABS right holders (indigenous peoples and local communities, and governments) and stakeholders (researchers and research community as well as private sector) from provider and user countries, from developing and developed countries.

The Conference will be divided into five online sessions, held in late October and throughout November. All recordings will be available through the Global ABS Community.

## Agenda

### **ABS for Users II: A Dialogue Between Governments and Private Sector**

- When: November 11th, 2020, 9:00 AM New York time / Panama time
- Topic: Private sector is critical for ABS. It contributes to nature-based solutions and offers opportunities for benefit sharing. Meet the companies that are taking the lead on ABS and biodiversity conservation and learn different perspectives on how to reach private sectors' full potential for the well-being of people and planet through fair ABS deals.

### **ABS Dialogue Between Governments and Indigenous Peoples. The Lessons Learned**

- When: November 18th, 2020, 9:00 AM New York time / Panama time
- Topic: Indigenous Peoples and local Communities (IPLCs) are at the center of ABS. They are the custodians of biodiversity and right holders of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources. Learn how IPLCs protect their practices and resources, which are their needs and how to address them in the post-2020 Biodiversity Strategic Framework.

### **Building the ABS we all Need for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework**

- When: November 25th, 2020, 9:00 AM New York time / Panama time
- Topic: World leaders, indigenous peoples and local communities and non governmental organizations invite to a journey on the key messages and lessons learned derived from this webinar series. In this closing session, participants will discuss challenges and opportunities for a new decade of Access and Benefit Sharing in the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

More information please visit the conference website:

<https://community.abs-sustainabledevelopment.net/event/global-abs-conference-2020/>

## **Second Global Thematic Dialogue for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**

At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (decision 14/34 (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-34-en.pdf>), Annex), calling for an inclusive and participatory process and inviting indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs), among others, to actively engage.

In this context, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in partnership with the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), and with the generous support of the Campaign for Nature (<https://www.campaignfornature.org/>), is pleased to announce that the Second Global Thematic Dialogue for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will take place virtually on 1, 2 and 3 December 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (UTC-4). The Dialogue will be conducted in English, French, Spanish and Russian and interpretation will be provided. It will include remarks by the CBD Executive Secretary, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), and the Co-Chairs of the global biodiversity framework process, as well as presentations on the outcomes of regional IPLCs webinars hosted this month by the IIFB.

The first (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/POST2020-WS-2019-12>) Global Thematic Dialogue for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework was held on 17-18 November 2019 and took into account the results of the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the regional consultations held in 2019.

The second Dialogue will focus on the updated zero draft

(<https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/3064/749a/0f65ac7f9def86707f4eaefa/post2020-prep->

[02-01-en.pdf](#)) of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its monitoring framework, which will be considered by SBSTTA at its twenty-fourth meeting. The Dialogue is designed as a space for IPLCs to discuss the emerging global biodiversity framework, including targeted input on relevant matters before SBSTTA 24, the draft monitoring framework, goals, targets and indicators. It aims at ensuring that IPLCs are well-informed and that their voices are heard, and perspectives included in the emerging global biodiversity framework.

Indigenous peoples and local communities' organizations interested to participate should send an official nomination letter, as a scanned attachment, addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, by e-mail to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), as soon as possible but no later than 27 November 2020. Governments and stakeholders are invited to the opening and closing sessions of the Dialogue via the CBD's public YouTube page [www.cbd.int/live](http://www.cbd.int/live).

Information regarding the Dialogue will be available at the following webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/tk/iplc-dialogue-2020/>.

Training sessions on how to use the virtual platform will be conducted in advance of the Dialogue, for IPLCs Chairpersons and presenters, and further details will be posted on the above webpage.

The text of this notification is also available on the CBD website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2020/ntf-2020-083-tk-en.pdf>.