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Hello AU and NZ colleagues,

As professionals who are knowledgeable about aspects of synthetic biology _**and**_ residents of the southern hemisphere, there is an increased need to consider participation in the on-line forum described below. If you are on the GeneticRescue listserv, you may have seen the below request.

On today's Target-Malaria coordinated call around the CBD, a point of discussion revolved around scarcity of forum responses in the June-Aug timeframe, due to many on holiday in the northern hemisphere.

They also have need for indigenous representation on the forum. Please forward if you happen to know any candidates in indigenous communities.

If you have questions, I have copied Todd Kuiken, who is on the 'Ad-hoc Technical Expert Group' or AHTEG for syn-bio and Heath, who has recently been thru the process of signing up and may be able to assist. Finally, Isabelle, also copied, coordinates the regular CBD related call mostly focused on stakeholder & community engagement. She can answer questions about the call and potential involvement if desired.

Warm Regards,
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From: geneticrescue-bounces@list.longnow.org [mailto:geneticrescue-bounces@list.longnow.org] **On Behalf Of** Todd Kuiken
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Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had a good weekend.

I wanted to draw your attention to the The UN Convention on Biological Diversity. It has begun (again) its process of examining the impacts of synthetic biology and now also gene drives. There are a few steps in the process, the first of which is the call for submissions of research/data/reports etc. that focus on certain topics (attached word document).

The deadline for these submissions is June 16th. The next step in the process will be an open-online forum which begins in July. Both of these require you to be "formally" recognized inside the CBD. This can be accomplished by having the head of your organization or dean sending a letter recommending you to the process and stating that you are an expert.

https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/calendar.shtml

I can't stress enough how important it is that scientists and members of the conservation community participate in this process. I sit on the AHTEG, which is a fancy acronym for the advisory committee on synthetic biology for the CBD and basically we are only allowed to utilize information that is submitted through this process to develop our recommendations for the Treaty. And the last round was lacking input from this community.

I am happy to talk in more detail with anyone who has questions/concerns. I can also share with you the letter of recommendation that I have used in the past to become recognized in the process.

Todd

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