

2. Work to improve the prior informed consent procedure

Decision: BC-16/2: Work to improve the prior informed consent procedure

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to establish a small intersessional working group open to all Parties, with the aim of balanced representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations, to identify challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning and to develop recommendations for improving its functioning. The lead country or countries or, in the absence of a lead country, the Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, is to prepare a report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, as well as options for possible ways forward, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to nominate experts with relevant knowledge of and expertise in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure to participate in the small intersessional working group	Parties Observers	30 September 2023
(b)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead countries for this work	Parties	30 September 2023
(c)	Parties and others are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and on best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning	Parties Others	30 September 2023

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