

Subject: Follow up of COPMOP2016 and preparation of COPMOP2018 (1)

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To the delegates of PRRI, ISAAA, iGem, CJVI, Target Malaria, DDPSC, Alliance for Science and Island Conservation involved in COP13/MOP8/MOP2, December 2016, Cancun, Mexico.

Dear All,

Greetings! - It has been a while since we sent you a summary analysis of our participation in COPMOP2016 in Cancun.

As concluded in our analysis, COPMOP2016 showed some cautiously promising signs of change. For example, more Parties included in their interventions recognition of the potential benefits of biotechnological developments, unsubstantiated calls for bans were not widely supported, concerns about draft guidance were expressed much more explicitly, and there were clear signals that the negotiations and activities should stay within the scope of the CBD and its protocols. A combination of (f)actors contributed to this change, e.g. more Parties took science and evidence-based positions, and also the participation of our organisations contributed to this change.

As discussed in Cancun, it is important to keep the momentum and that we prepare ourselves well in advance for the COP and MOPs in 2018 (click [here](#) for the tentative dates and venue of COPMOP2018).

With this email we send you an update on the follow up of COPMOP2016 and the preparation of COPMOP2018, with the request for your feedback.

If you have on the short term limited time to digest this entire update, please have a look at the part on the on line discussions on Synthetic Biology and consider submitting a post at the latest this Sunday.

We are aware that the attached update is long and detailed, but we want to make sure that everyone is on the same sheet, including those who were not at COPMOP2016.

After this email, we will limit update emails as much as possible to one topic.

Part of the feedback we request is in indication whether you wish to attend COPMOP2018 and whether you wish to be included in one or more of the email groups per topic. Please only copy others on your feedback if you believe that your feedback is important to others.

In addition to email groups on the specific topics mentioned below, we will also (re)establish email

groups on:

- CBD-COP-general
- CPB-MOP-general
- NP-ABS – MOP
- NKL SP – MOP (if the SP comes into force soon)

For the updates we will use email, but for the communication about these topics during COPMOP2018 we will use the corresponding WhatsApp groups.

Looking forward to hearing from you and sending you best regards on behalf of Lucia de Souza and Randy Hautea,

Piet

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— Attachments: —

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