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Attachments: [A Guide to Participating in the CBD Online Forum on SynBio.docx](#)  
[Key terms and reference for the online forum.docx](#)

Hi all,

My name is Ben Robinson, I work with Isabelle Coche & Delphine Thizy, and I will be sending you regular updates on the discussions taking place in the context of the CBD's Open-Ended Online Forum on synthetic biology. I will monitor contributions and provide you with brief summaries of the content and tenor of conversations, while highlighting topics and posts you may wish to address. Should you feel that a topic needs to be addressed but you do not have the relevant resources or expertise, I can also help identify and coordinate those best suited among the group to respond to particular issues.

The Forum will open on **July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. From **July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup>** the topic under discussion will be *"Reviewing recent technological developments within the field of synthetic biology to assess if the developments could lead to impacts on biodiversity and the three objectives of the Convention, including unexpected and significant impacts"*. The discussion page is here: <http://bch.cbd.int/synbio/open-ended/discussion/>

In order to facilitate your engagement with the forum, a **guide to participating** and a collection of **key terms and definitions** have been prepared. Please find them attached.

An updated list of participants in the forum has been published online by the CBD. You can see the full list and check whether you registered successfully here: <https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/participants/>

If you are not yet registered, the forum secretariat is still accepting applications for participants. Instructions on how to apply can be found here: [https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/nomination\\_natl\\_experts/](https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/nomination_natl_experts/)

**Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!**

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**CBD Online Forum on Synthetic Biology will take place soon!** Experts should [register online](#) to participate.

Contact us if you require assistance.

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