Developing a Methodology to Balance Benefit-Sharing: Application in the Context of Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction

The interviews conducted as part of this study followed a pre-defined guide list of questions which requested participants to score a variety of benefit-sharing options according to their perspective and to give short reasons for their decisions. Interview questions are listed below.

Part 1. The following factors could be taken into consideration when assessing the balance of different types of benefit-sharing in the BBNJ context:

- 1. Direct beneficiaries
 - a. Number of individuals impacted/ receiving the benefits
- 2. Biodiversity goals
 - a. Contributing towards conservation of marine biological diversity of ABNJ
 - b. Promoting sustainable use of MGR from ABNJ
 - c. Fostering scientific R&D
 - d. Promoting fair and equitable benefit-sharing
 - e. Inclusivity of Developing States in access to and utilisation of MGR of ABNJ
- 3. Benefit-sharing significance (size of impact)
 - a. Significance, value and duration of impact (months or years gives an indication of whether the impact will be beneficial to current and future generations)
 - b. Enhanced employability/ employment rates
 - c. Meaningfulness
- 4. Burden on users (cost and people)
 - a. Monetary cost and human labour to generate and share the benefits, including costs to transfer to and distribute amongst beneficiaries
 - b. Opportunity cost
 - c. Time value
- 5. Burden on the regulator
 - a. Monetary cost and human labour (to monitor benefit-sharing)
 - b. Complexity
 - c. Time value

How would you weight these factors in terms of relative importance (from 1 for very low importance, 2 for low importance, 3 for moderate importance, 4 for high importance and 5 for very high importance) to one another? Please note that factors can be assigned the same weight.

Factors	Weight (1-5)
1 – Direct beneficiaries	
2 - Biodiversity goals	
3 - Benefit-sharing significance	
4 - Burden on users	
5 - Burden on the regulator	

Part 2. Please score (0 for no impact, 1 for very low impact, 2 for low impact, 3 for moderate impact, 4 for high impact and 5 for very high impact) the different forms of benefit-sharing according to potential to impact the following factors:

1. Non-monetary benefit-sharing

Factors	Non-monetary benefit-sharing score (0-5)								Comments
		Sharing of raw	data	Sharing of research results	Capacity building	Technology transfer	Research directed towards priority needs (of Developing States/ Humankind)	Other	
	Metadata	Genetic sequence information	Biochemical information						
1 – Direct beneficiaries									
2 - Biodiversity goals									
3 - Benefit-sharing significance									
4 - Burden on users									
5 - Burden on the regulator									

2. **Monetary** benefit-sharing

	Monetary benefit-sharing score (0-5)								Comments	
Factors	Joint ventures	Access fee per sample	Milestone payments	License fee at the time of commercialisation	Royalties	Research funding	Salaries (e.g. PhD researcher)	Joint IP rights	Other	
1 – Direct beneficiaries										
2 - Biodiversity goals										
3 - Benefit- sharing significance										
4 - Burden on users										
5 - Burden on the regulator										