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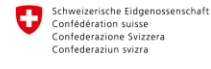
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# Webinar on the Multi-Criteria Analysis for Assessing DSI Policy Options

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# Agenda

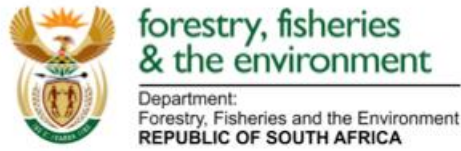


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# Welcome



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# A Performance Matrix for assessing policy options for DSI benefit-sharing

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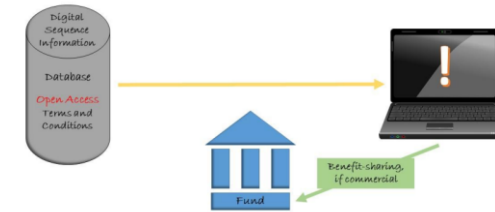
# Genesis of the policy options and performance matrix



## ABSI: 1st Global Dialogue on DSI (Nov 2019, Pretoria)

- First set of 5 policy options for DSI benefit-sharing
- List of „points for consideration“ for assessing the policy options

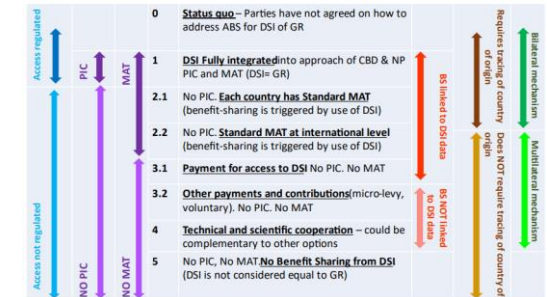
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## SCBD: Policy options for ABS and DSI (Feb 2021, Webinar)

## Criteria to consider for policy options on DSI (Apr 2021, Webinar)

- Presentation of 6 policy options derived from 13 international reports and publications, 7<sup>th</sup> policy option added after OEWG 3.1
- Presentation of the concept for a multi-criteria analysis



## Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group on DSI (Nov 2021, Report)

- Discussions and further elaboration on the methodology
- Underlining the limits: not applicable to hybrid approaches, not enough data and evidence to allow full assessment

CATEGORY	CRITERIA	MEANS FOR ASSESSMENT
Efficient & Feasible to implement	1. Benefit to and equitable benefits from DSI (associated with DS)	Identify the benefits (direct and indirect) (conservation of genetic sharing, but not sharing of benefit sharing technology, contracts, to promote equity, capacity building, access to sharing)
	2. Facilitates access to DSI and does not divert ABS	Open access based on national conditions (number of countries) (Promotes ABS agreements to support technology transfer and capacity building)
	3. Contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity	Works to reduce through conservation
Enabling of good governance	4. Contributes to sustainable development	How relevant is it in comparison of achieving 1, 7 & 11 (no external indicator needed)
	5. Cost-efficient in achieving goals	Transition and administration costs (minimal relation to benefits shared) (national level) (conservation costs (minimal relation to benefits shared)
Comprehensive and coherent	6. Feasible and practical to implement	Technical requirements minimal or feasible to meet (there might include need for training, capacity building tools, degree to which existing infrastructure and processes can be built upon)
	7. Easy to enforce	Legal measures for compliance (self-enforcing) (if enforcement needed, enforcement costs minimal)
Comprehensive and coherent	8. Legally Sound	Legal consistency (compatibility) (diverse mechanism mechanism)
	9. Just	Positive and negative consequences for PICs, stakeholders (helping information asymmetry through contracts and equity)
Comprehensive and coherent	10. Transparent	Simplicity, transparency, ease of understanding
	11. Coherent	Degree of coherence with existing systems of ABS (Degree of coherence across international agreements covering different sectors (government, food & agriculture, health, industry etc))
Comprehensive and coherent	12. Comprehensive and/or compatible	Degree to which option covers all needs/size, or compatibility of option with others such that overall system covers all needs/size (Future proof (adaptability of system, likelihood to remain effective and efficient in face of future technological developments))

# Recent steps towards developing a regime for DSI benefit-sharing



- Parties still disagree whether DSI is in the scope of the CBD or not
- **Despite all differences**, OEWG 3.2 in March 2022 Geneva recognized that a solution for fair and equitable benefit-sharing on DSI should, inter alia:
  - (a) Be efficient, feasible and practical;
  - (b) Generate more benefits, including both monetary and non-monetary, than costs;
  - (c) Be effective;
  - (d) Provide certainty and legal clarity for providers and users of DSI;
  - (e) Not hinder research and innovation;
  - (f) Be consistent with open access to data;
  - (g) Not be incompatible with international legal obligations;
  - (h) Be mutually supportive of other access and benefit-sharing instruments;
  - (i) Take into account the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including with respect to the traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources that they hold.

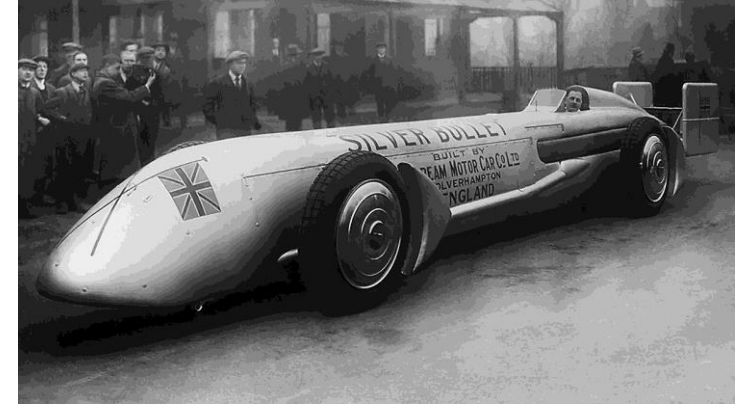


# Role of the performance matrix in developing a regime for DSI benefit-sharing



## The Performance Matrix is NOT a tool which:

- replaces negotiations and solves all problems
- results will be negotiated
- is prescribed to be used by Parties and stakeholders
- given the current lack of data and evidence, automatically generates the most favorable policy options



## The Performance Matrix is RATHER a tool which:

- is intended to bring an innovative approach to international negotiations
- should stimulate discussions amongst Parties and stakeholders
- should be filled in by the different stakeholders and Parties to support further consideration and development of positions for the DSI negotiations



# Panel Exchange



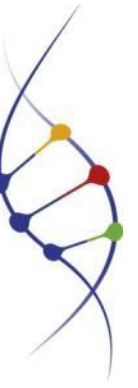
## Panelists

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## Panel facilitator

- Timothy Hodges

# Thank you!



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