**FEEDBACK FORM**

**DRAFT Access to Seeds Index methodology**

**Public consultation (deadline 31 January 2021)**

**Feedback process**

From 16 December 2020 to 31 January 2021, the World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA) is holding a public consultation on the [draft methodology](http://www.worldbenchmarkingalliance.org/research/draft-methodology-access-to-seeds-index) for the 2021 Access to Seeds Index as a spotlight benchmark of its food and agriculture transformation. Interested stakeholders are invited to review the draft methodology and share their comments via this feedback form with us by emailing to [info@accesstoseeds.org](mailto:info@accesstoseeds.org).

This consultation is part of WBA’s continuous stakeholder engagement process. It builds on earlier presentations and meetings with a wide range of stakeholders, with input from WBA’s Allies, civil society, academics, business, business associations, investors and policymakers. With the publication of the draft methodology for the Access to Seeds Index, we collect additional input from stakeholders. A set of numbered consultation questions for which we seek explicit feedback is outlined in the draft methodology and listed in this feedback form below. We also welcome feedback on any other aspect of the document.

Once we have received and incorporated feedback, WBA will publish a finalised methodology report for the Access to Seeds Index in early 2021, that we will then use to assess seed companies within the scope of the index. A summary of the feedback received will be made publicly available. We thank all stakeholders for taking part in this public consultation.

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**Consultation questions:**

**How the index works**

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| **Q1. Do you have general feedback on the Access to Seeds Index? (p. 6)**  *Your feedback* |

**Process and timelines**

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| **Q2. Do you have general feedback on the draft Access to Seeds Index methodology? (p. 13)**  *Your feedback* |

**Weighting distribution for the 2021 index**

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| **Q3. Should certain measurement areas be given more or less weight? (p. 13)**  *Your feedback* |

**Scope of the 2021 index**

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| **Q4. Do you have general feedback on the scope of the Access to Seeds Index? (p. 15)**  *Your feedback* |

**Adding questions on the implications of COVID-19 for seed business activities**

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| **Q5. To what extent is COVID-19 affecting company activity in relation to smallholder farmers in 2020 compared to 2019? Are these two years still comparable, or totally different? ​(p. 16)**  *Your feedback* |

**Governance and Strategy**

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| **Q6. Have all the main challenges regarding access to seeds and the role of companies in Governance and strategy been adequately reflected in the indicators? (p. 18)**  *Your feedback* |

**Genetic resources conservation and intellectual property management**

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| **Q7. Have all the main challenges regarding access to seeds and the role of companies in Genetic resources conservation and intellectual property management been adequately reflected in the indicators? (p. 20)**  *Your feedback* |

**Research and development**

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| **Q8. Have all the main challenges regarding access to seeds and the role of companies in Research and development been adequately reflected in the indicators? (p. 22)**  *Your feedback* |

**Seed production**

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| **Q9. Have all the main challenges regarding access to seeds and the role of companies in Seed production been adequately reflected in the indicators? (p. 24)**  *Your feedback* |

**Marketing and sales**

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| **Q10. Have all the main challenges regarding access to seeds and the role of companies in Marketing and sales been adequately reflected in the indicators? (p. 26)**  *Your feedback* |

**Capacity building**

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| **Q11. Have all the main challenges regarding access to seeds and the role of companies in Capacity building been adequately reflected in the indicators? (p. 28)**  *Your feedback* |