

NOTIFICATION

Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House was established at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP) in decision [NP-1/2](#), paragraph 2, to assist the Executive Secretary with the implementation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (ABS Clearing-House) and to provide technical guidance with respect to the resolution of technical and practical issues arising from the ongoing development of the ABS Clearing-House. The decision provides that the Informal Advisory Committee shall be composed of fifteen (15) experts, primarily from Parties, and selected based on nominations provided by Parties taking into account regional balance, relevant experience and engagement in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House.

The Informal Advisory Committee will hold at least one meeting and informal online discussions, as needed, during this intersessional period 2023-2024 and report on the outcomes of its work to the fifth meeting of COP-MOP in 2024. The meeting will be held from 13 to 15 February 2024 in Montreal, Canada.

Through notification [2023-009](#) issued on 9 February 2023, Parties to the Nagoya Protocol were invited to nominate one expert for the IAC. Due to the low number of responses received, a reminder notification was sent on 31 March 2023 ([2023-037](#)) to extend the deadline for nominations. However, due to the lack of female nominations received from the African and the Asian and Pacific region Parties, the deadline was extended for an additional month to encourage nominations from female experts from Parties in those regions through notification [2023-077](#) issued on 21 July 2023.

In response to the above notifications, a total of 31 nominations were received from Parties, with four or more nominations from each region. The Secretariat selected 15 experts based on their experience and involvement with the ABS Clearing-House, as well as with due regard for regional and gender balance.

A letter of invitation will be sent to the selected experts together with relevant information concerning the meeting. Documents for the meeting will be posted in due course on the Secretariat's website at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NP-ABSCH-IAC-2024-01>.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: ABS National Focal Points



Annex
**INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ACCESS
AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE**

LIST OF SELECTED EXPERTS

#	Group	Party	Selected IAC expert
<i>Africa</i>			
1		Cameroon	Ms. Bupe R. Mwambingu
2		Morocco	Mr. Mostafa Madbouhi
3		South Africa	Ms. Bridgette Modiba
<i>Asia-Pacific</i>			
4		Bhutan	Ms. Karma Dema Dorji
5		China	Mr. Zhao Fuwei
6		Jordan	Mr. Ahmad Abbas
<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>			
7		Brazil	Mr. Isaque Siqueira
8		Dominican Republic	Mr. Joel Andrés Rojas González
9		Peru	Ms. Fiorella Debora Briceño Nuñez
<i>Central and Eastern Europe</i>			
10		Belarus	Mr. Andrei Kuzmich
11		Montenegro	Ms. Arina Maraš
12		Republic of Moldova	Ms. Angela Lozan
<i>Western European and Others</i>			
13		Belgium	Mr. Abraham Han de Koeijer
14		European Union	Ms. Mery Ciacci
15		Germany	Mr. Jens Freitag