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## NOTIFICATION

### **Access and Benefit-sharing: Composition of the Expert Group on traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, Hyderabad, India, 16-19 June 2009**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its decision IX/12, paragraph 11, the Conference of the Parties decided, *inter alia*, to establish an Expert Group on traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources to further examine the issue of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources in order to assist the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

The Conference of the Parties also decided that *the group of experts shall be regionally balanced and composed of thirty experts nominated by Parties and fifteen observers, including seven observers from indigenous and local communities nominated by them, and remaining observers from, inter alia, international organizations and agreements, industry, research institutions/academia and non-governmental organizations.* The Executive Secretary was requested to recommend the list of selected experts and observers for the approval of the Bureau.

In accordance with the above, by Notification 2009-019 of 24 February 2009, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, indigenous and local communities, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders to nominate experts and observers for the meeting of the expert group on traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources. On the basis of these nominations, 30 experts and 15 observers were selected taking into account their expertise, the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution, and with due regard to gender balance. The list of selected experts and observers was subsequently submitted to, and approved by the Bureau.

The list of selected experts and observers is attached for your information, as well as the full list of nominations received. A letter of invitation will be sent to selected experts and observers together with information of relevance to their participation in the meeting.

Please note also that the documents for the meeting will be posted in due course on the Secretariat's web site at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/>.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

### Attachments

To: CBD National Focal Points, ABS National Focal Points, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders



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**SELECTED EXPERTS**

**AFRICA**

Cameroon	Mr. Augustine Bokwe
Egypt	Mrs. Hoda Abdellateef
Ghana	Ms. Gytha A. Nuno
Mali	Mr. Mamadou Ouattara
South Africa	Mr. Suchanandan Atal
Zambia	Dr. Mwananyanda Mbikusita Lewanika

**ASIA**

China	Dr. Dayuan Xue
India	Dr. V. K. Gupta
Indonesia	Mr. Achmad Gusman Catur Siswandi
Iran	Mr. Shahab_Addin Montazamy
Malaysia	Prof. Gurdial Singh Nijar
The Philippines	Atty. Eugenio A. Insigne

**CEE**

Georgia	Ms. Mariam Jorjadze
Moldova	Mrs. Ala Rotaru
Russia	Mr. Evgeny A. Kuznetsov
Serbia	Dr. Suzana Djordjevic-Milosevic
Tajikistan	Mr. Jamshed Akramov
Uzbekistan	Mr. Sobirov Ulmas

**EU/JUSCANZ**

Australia	Mr. John von Doussa
Austria	Ms. Cosima Hufner
Canada	Ms. Sandra K. Leduc
Germany	Dr. Andreas Drews
Norway	Ms. Tone Solhaug
Sweden	Mr. Mattias Ahren

**GRULAC**

Argentina	Dra. Teodora Zamudio
Brazil	Mrs. Daniela Guimaraes Goulart
Costa Rica	Mrs. Silvia Rodriguez Cervantes
Guatemala	Mr. Cesar Augusto Azurdia Perez
Mexico	Mr. Jose Luis Real Duenas
Saint Lucia	Mr. Leslie Charles

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**SELECTED OBSERVERS**

**INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Mrs. Victoria Esther Camac Ramirez, Asociacion Ixacavaa de Desarrollo e Informacion Indigena (ASIDII)

Mr. Merle Craig Alexander, Dena Kayeh Institute

Ms. Lucy Mullenkei, Indigenous Information Network

Mr. John Petter Gintal, Saami Council

Mr. Glen Alan Kelly, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

Ms. Nyurguyana Dordina, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)

Ms. Jocelyn Carino Nettleton, Tebtebba Foundation

**INDUSTRY**

Mr. Michael D. Hauser, Monsanto Company

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

Prof. Michael Dodson, United Nations Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)

Ms. Begona Venero Aguirre, World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

**NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Ms. Christine von Weizsacker, European Network on Ecological Reflection and Action (ECOROPA)

Mr. Kabir Bavikatte, Natural Justice

**RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS/ACADEMIA**

Dr. Ruchi Pant, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

Prof. Martin Nakata, FAIRA, University of Technology, Australian Indigenous Education Jumbunna House of Learning

Mrs. Topi Basar, University of Delhi