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**NOTIFICATION**

**Nominations to the Informal Advisory Committee on**

**Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol**

Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite nominations from Parties for the Informal Advisory Committee on capacity-building for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

The Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) was established by the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP) to provide advice to the Executive Secretary on matters of relevance to the assessment of the effectiveness of the strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol adopted by COP-MOP 1 (decision NP-1/8).

Its specific tasks include providing advice regarding: (a) the coverage of the capacity-building and development initiatives being implemented by Parties and various organizations and identification of gaps in the implementation of the strategic framework; (b) the need for the development of new tools, guidelines and training materials, including e-learning modules; (c) facilitation of coordination, synergy, coherence and complementarity among capacity-building activities, and (d) matching of capacity-building and development needs identified by Parties with potential opportunities and resources.

The IAC comprises 15 experts selected by the Executive Secretary on the basis of nominations by Parties with due regard to equitable geographic representation and gender balance and also includes representatives of indigenous and local communities and relevant organizations (decision NP-1/8, annex II).

At its third meeting, COP-MOP decided to extend the mandate of the Informal Advisory Committee until the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, so that it can continue to support the implementation of the strategic framework for capacity-building and development in accordance with the terms of reference contained in decision NP-1/8.

COP-MOP 3 also decided to evaluate the strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and that the IAC will hold at least one meeting, and online consultations as needed, to provide inputs for the evaluation of the strategic framework through a review of preliminary findings and by providing additional information and recommendations (decision NP-3/8, paragraph 5).

A meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee is tentatively to be held from 29 to 31 October 2019 in Montreal, Canada.

Taking into account that a number of countries have become Parties to the Nagoya Protocol since the last meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee, the composition of the Committee will be renewed for this intersessional period based on nominations from Parties to the Protocol. Accordingly, I wish to invite Parties to nominate one expert actively involved in ABS capacity-building to be considered for participation in the Informal Advisory Committee.

The nomination should be submitted through an official letter, signed by the ABS National Focal Point or the CBD National Focal Point (where ABS National Focal Point has not been designated), together with the completed nomination form and the curriculum vitae of the nominee. The nomination should be scanned and e-mailed to secretariat@cbd.int or faxed to +1 514 288 6588 as soon as possible but no later than **31 May 2019**.

Based on the nominations received, the Executive Secretary will select members of the IAC on the basis of their expertise and experience and the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

Further details on these activities will be provided in due course.

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

 Cristiana Pașca Palmer, PhD

 Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Informal Advisory Committee on capacity-building for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol 2019-2020**

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| **Personal information** |
| 1. Name of the Expert
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| 1. Current Job/Functional Title
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| 1. Contact Details

Department/Division/Unit; Ministry/Organization; Address; Phone number/Cell phone; Fax number and Email address |  |
| **Background and experience**  |
| 1. Main responsibilities in the current position
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| 1. Specific duties and experience related to access and benefit-sharing (ABS)

*(Describe your previous and current involvement in ABS activities and capacity-building nationally and regionally)* |  |
| 1. Academic/ professional background and areas of expertise
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| 1. Describe what contribution you hope to bring to the work of the IAC
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| 1. Provide any additional relevant information
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