

NOTIFICATION**Selection of experts for the ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

Dear Sir or Madam,

By its [decision 16/32](#) the Conference of the Parties adopted mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties. In the same decision, it also decided to establish an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (AHSTAG) with a time-bound mandate until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The terms of reference for the AHSTAG contained in annex III of the same decision are to provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of the global report.

Pursuant to this decision, the Executive Secretary, through notification 2025-024 and an extension of dates in notification 2025-042, invited Parties and observers to submit the name of one or more expert(s) who could be considered to serve as members of the AHSTAG. In response to this invitation, 99 nominations were received, including 50 experts nominated by 33 Parties and other Governments and 49 experts nominated by 39 observer organizations.

The Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with the support of the Secretariat, reviewed the nominations and selected experts, in accordance with the criteria provided in annex III to decision 16/32, with due regard to equitable regional representation, gender balance and representation of various areas of technical expertise. The list of selected experts to serve as AHSTAG members includes 15 members from Parties and 10 members from observers (see the enclosure for the full list). The Secretariat will contact the selected experts to arrange their participation in the AHSTAG.

Additional information on the AHSTAG, including the meeting documents, will be made available in due course.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations

Selected experts for the ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

| Party/Group | First Name | Last Name |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| African States | | |
| Cameroon | William Armand | MALA |
| Egypt | Ossama Ahmed | ABDELKAWY |
| South Africa | Mukondi Precious | MATSHUSA |
| Asia-Pacific States | | |
| China | Jing | XU |
| Japan | Shizuka | HASHIMOTO |
| United Arab Emirates | Obaid Ali Humaid | ALSHAMSI |
| Eastern European States | | |
| Armenia | Voskehat | GRIGORYAN |
| Russian Federation | Alexander | SHESTAKOV |
| Serbia | Slaviša | POPOVIĆ |
| Latin American and Caribbean States | | |
| Brazil | Rita | MESQUITA |
| Colombia | Maria Cecilia | LONDOÑO MURCIA |
| Mexico | Hesiquio | BENITEZ DIAZ |
| Western European and other States | | |
| Australia | Emily | NICHOLSON |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of the) | Marcel | KOK |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Andrew | STOTT |
| Observers (nominated by) | | |
| The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat | Megan | ELDRED |
| Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) | Vainuupo | JUNGBLUT |
| UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) | Neil | BURGESS |
| International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) | Jocelyn | CARINO |
| Barnes Hill Community Development Organisation (BHCDO) | Ruth | SPENCER |
| Fundacion Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN) / CBD Women's Caucus | Alice Zione | KAMMWAMBA |
| Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) | Josefa | TAULI |
| Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) | Jade | SULLIVAN |
| World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) International | Cristina | EGHENTER |
| Yale University | Walter | JETZ |