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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notification [2025-051](#) issued on 16 April 2025, nominations were received with a view to constituting the membership in the ad hoc technical expert group on risk assessment (AHTEG) established by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, in its decision [CP-11/7](#). The AHTEG is mandated to analyse the information submitted by Parties further to paragraph 8 of decision CP-11/7 and the discussions in the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, and to prepare a list of prioritized topics, if any, on which further guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed according to the criteria set out in annex I to decision [CP-9/13](#). The AHTEG shall also prepare a report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with a view to enabling the Subsidiary Body to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting. The selection of members has now been concluded in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, taking into account their specific scientific and technical expertise relevant to the mandate of the AHTEG, as well as gender balance and equitable geographical representation, and following the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest as set out in the annex to decision [14/33](#) and as amended by decision [16/26](#).

I am, therefore, pleased to announce the composition of the AHTEG attached herewith.

A meeting of the AHTEG will be convened from 8 to 11 July 2025 in Montreal, Canada. With the generous financial support of the European Union, representatives from indigenous peoples and local communities, and experts from eligible Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, will receive financial assistance to cover the cost of travel and a daily subsistence allowance.

Further information and documents for the meeting will be made available in due course.

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

*(Signed)* Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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

*Annex*

**Composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment**

***PARTIES***

<b>REGION</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>EXPERT</b>
African States	Tunisia	1. Raja Chalghoumi
	South Africa	2. James Rhodes
	Nigeria	3. Josephine Amedu
Asia-Pacific States	China	4. Lin Litao
	Malaysia	5. Kunitaa Theva Das
	Republic of Korea	6. Ju Seok Lee
Eastern European States	Belarus	7. Galina Mozgova
	Albania	8. Sajmir Beqiraj
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	9. Adaleta Durmić-Pašić
Western European and other States	Austria	10. Anita Greiter
	Italy	11. Valeria Giovannelli
	Finland	12. Marja Ruohonen-Lehto
Latin American and Caribbean States	Mexico	13. Ana Laura Wegier Briuolo
	Dominican Republic	14. Alejandro Gabriel Vallejo Degaudenzi
	Colombia	15. Gabriel Mutis Namur

***ORGANIZATIONS***

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>EXPERT</b>
Third World Network (TWN)	1. Eva Sirinathsinghi
Global Industry Coalition (GIC)	2. Felicity Keiper
Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH)	3. Justin Overcash
European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility (ENSSER)	4. Nicolas Defarge
Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD)	5. Lutfi Mohamed Ahmed Musa

***INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES***

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>EXPERT</b>
International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)	1. Kamal Kumar Rai

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