

**NOTIFICATION****Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The purpose of this notification is to provide information regarding the composition of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

The Informal Advisory Committee was established in decision [NP-1/8](#) by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit-sharing. At its fifth meeting, in decision [NP/5-3](#), the COP-MOP decided to:

(a) Extend the mandate of the Informal Advisory Committee until the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;

(b) Expand the mandate to include the provision of advice on issues more generally related to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, including, as necessary, advice on issues related to awareness-raising, assessment and review under the Protocol, with flexibility to adapt its tasks as needed; and

(c) Keep an expanded membership, with relevant expertise, and to include representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, the business sector, the research community and relevant organizations.

Through notification ([2025-071](#)), issued on 22 May 2025, and an extension of deadline ([2025-089](#)) issued on 8 July 2025, Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations were invited to nominate experts to participate in the Informal Advisory Committee, in accordance with the terms of reference in annex II to decision NP-1/8. In response to these notifications, 28 nominations were received from Parties and non-Parties, 8 from indigenous peoples and local communities and 21 from international and regional organizations or organizations representing the business sector and research community, as well as representatives of women and youth.

Against this background, I am pleased to convey herewith the list of experts including representatives from governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to participate in the sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, scheduled from 1 to 4 June 2026 in Montreal, Canada.

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-CB-IAC-2026-01>.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: ABS national focal points and CBD national focal points (where ABS focal points have not yet been designated), indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations

## *Annex*

### Composition of the sixth Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing

#### **African States**

1. Mr. Ermiyas Yeshitla Lemma (Ethiopia)
2. Mr. Sahoby Ivy Randriamahaleo (Madagascar)
3. Mr. Kounkatonebeha Kpidiba (Togo)

#### **Asia-Pacific States**

4. Mr. Mani Prasad Nirola (Bhutan)
5. Mr. Krishneel Nand (Fiji)
6. Mr. Badrinarayanan Balaji (India)

#### **Eastern European States**

7. Ms. Volha Malyshava (Belarus)
8. Ms. Angela Lozan (Republic of Moldova)
9. Mr. Dusan Ognjanovic (Serbia)

#### **Latin America and Caribbean States**

10. Ms. Letícia Piancastelli Siqueira Brina (Brazil)
11. Ms. Fiorella Debora Briceño Núñez (Peru)
12. Ms. Elleli Huerta Ocampo (Mexico)

#### **Western European and other States**

13. Mr. Han de Koeijer (Belgium)
14. Ms. Jeanne Foucher (France)
15. Ms. Tiziana Ulian (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island)

#### **Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**

1. Mr. Ndiaga Sall (ENDA Sante / IIFB, Senegal)
2. Ms. Viviana Figueroa (Asociación de la Juventud Indígena Argentina, Argentina)
3. Mr. Kamal Kumar Rai (Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation, Nepal)

#### **Relevant organizations**

1. Ms. Corazón A. De Jesus (ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity)
2. Mr. Dan Leskien (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations- FAO)
3. Ms. Celine Augereau (Global Environment Facility – GEF)
4. Ms. Marina Venâncio (United Nations Environment Programme – UNEP)
5. Mr. Daniele Manzella (International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture)
6. Ms. Daphne Yong-d'Hervé (International Chamber of Commerce)
7. Ms. Bupe Mwambingu (SynBio Africa)
8. Ms. Melania Muñoz-García (Leibniz Institute DSMZ)
9. Ms. Maria Julia Oliva (Union for Ethical BioTrade - UEBT)
10. Ms. Gladys Kiplagat (Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales - FARN/CBD Women's Caucus)