

**NOTIFICATION****Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House**

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you may be aware, an informal advisory committee was established by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP), in [decision NP-1/2](#), paragraph 2, to assist the Executive Secretary with the implementation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (ABS Clearing-House) and to provide technical guidance with respect to the resolution of technical and practical issues arising from the ongoing development of the ABS Clearing-House. The decision provides that the informal advisory committee (IAC) shall be composed of 15 experts, primarily from Parties, on the basis of nominations provided by Parties.

In this regard, I am pleased to convey, in the annex to this notification, the composition of the ABS Clearing-House IAC, which was determined by the Secretariat taking into account the members' experience with the ABS Clearing-House while ensuring regional and gender balance.

The Informal Advisory Committee has plans to hold three online sessions over the 2025-2026 intersessional period. Invitations and details of the online sessions will be shared with selected members in due time.

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

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**African States**

1. Ms. Bupe Mwambingu (Cameroon)
2. Ms. Amare Seifu (Ethiopia)
3. Ms. Martha Mphatso Kalembe (Malawi)

**Asia-Pacific States**

4. Ms. Karma Dema Dorji (Bhutan)
5. Ms. Somphavanh Radavanh (Lao PDR)
6. Mr. Achuta Nand Shukla (India)

**Eastern European States**

7. Mr. Abdulla Diku (Albania)
8. Ms. Irina Dubinina (Belarus)
9. Ms. Arina Maraš (Montenegro)

**Latin America and Caribbean States**

10. Ms. María Julieta Ansaldi (Argentina)
11. Mr. Isaque Medeiros Siqueira (Brazil)
12. Ms. Fiorella Debora Briceño Núñez (Peru)

**Western European and other States**

13. Mr. Abraham (Han) de Koeijer (Belgium)
14. Ms. Mara Grimminger (European Union)
15. Mr. Jens Freitag (Germany)