



## NOTIFICATION

**Selected representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to receive funding for their participation in the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notification [2025-057](#) on the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological (SBSTTA-27) and the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (SB8J-1), scheduled to take place back-to-back from 20 to 24 October and 27 to 30 October 2025 in Panama City, Panama, I am pleased to inform you that, after due consideration of all applications received by the Advisory Selection Committee of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism, and in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the selection of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities who will receive support for their participation in the above-mentioned meetings has been finalized.

Please find attached, for your information, the list of selected beneficiaries. The beneficiaries will be contacted directly by the Secretariat regarding their travel arrangements.

The selection was carried out in accordance with the criteria for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism, as set out in the annex to decision VIII/5 D, and in accordance with the selection criteria established in section B of the same annex.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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



## **Annex**

### **Representatives from indigenous peoples and local communities selected to receive funding for their participation in the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-27) and the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (SB8J-1)<sup>1</sup>**

(\*Those to receive full funding for participation in both SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1)

#### **Africa**

1. Ms. Aisatou Musa
2. Mr. Gladman Chibememe
3. Ms. Lucy Mullenkei\*

#### **Asia**

4. Ms. Abigail Kitma\*
5. Mr. Kamal Rai
6. Mr. Lakpa Nuri Sherpa\*

#### **Central and South America and the Caribbean**

7. Mr. Ramiro Batzin\*
8. Mr. Ricardo Camilo Niño Izquierdo
9. Ms. Viviana Figueroa \*

#### **Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia**

10. Mr. Aleksei Tsykarev
11. Ms. Antonina Gorbunova\*

#### **North America<sup>2</sup>**

12. Mr. Kenneth Deer

#### **The Arctic**

No applications received

#### **The Pacific**

13. Ms. Christine Grant\*
14. Ms. Wihongi Hema

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<sup>1</sup> The number of beneficiaries depends on the amount of financial resources available in the Voluntary Fund. For SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1, the Voluntary Fund is able to support three representatives from Africa, Asia, and Central and South America and the Caribbean, in accordance with the selection criteria outlined in COP decision VIII/5 D Annex, which gives special priority to participants from indigenous peoples and local communities from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and small island developing States, but not excluding applicants in developed countries, and taking into account gender balance to recognize the special role of women from indigenous peoples and local communities.

<sup>2</sup> Only one application was received for the North American region.