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**NOTIFICATION**

**Second meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing  
19-22 March 2001  
Montreal, Canada**

The Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-Sharing was established pursuant to paragraph 3 of decision IV/8, in which the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity decided “to establish a regionally balanced panel of experts appointed by Governments, composed of representatives from the private and public sectors, as well as representatives of indigenous and local communities operating in accordance with decisions II/15, III/11 and III/15, under the Conference of the Parties”.

The Panel held its first meeting in San José, Costa Rica, in October 1999. The report of that meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/8) was considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting, held in Nairobi in May 2000. Having considered that report, the Conference of the Parties decided, *inter alia*, in decision V/26 A:

“[T]o reconvene the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing with a concrete mandate and agenda. The Panel will conduct further work on outstanding issues from its first meeting, especially:

Assessment of user and provider experience in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing and study of complementary options;

Identification of approaches to involvement of stakeholders in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing processes;

and will include additional expertise. The Panel will submit its report to the Ad Hoc Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing referred to in paragraph 11 [of the decision];”

On the basis of nominations received from Governments, the Executive Secretary has invited the experts to participate in the meeting of the Panel to be held in Montreal, from 19 to 22 March 2001. In accordance with Decision V/26, in view of including additional expertise, the number of experts was increased from 50 to 60.



Since the Panel is being “reconvened”, experts who participated in the first meeting were also invited to participate in the second meeting of the Panel. Additional experts were selected on the basis of the criteria used for the first meeting:

1. Demonstrated expertise and experience in the field of access and benefit-sharing;
2. Balanced geographical distribution between and within regions;
3. Fair representation of relevant stakeholders: Government, private sector, NGO;
4. Gender balance

Government nominated experts and observers invited to participate in the second meeting of the Panel of Experts are the following:

**List of Government nominated experts invited to the second meeting of the Panel of Experts**

AFRICA	Benin	Lea Hounkpe	F	Government
AFRICA	Cameroon	Isaac Bindzi	M	Government
AFRICA	Congo	Jean Colin Namedoum	M	Government
AFRICA	Ethiopia	Regassa Feyissa	M	Government
AFRICA	Kenya	Francis D. P. Situma	M	Academic
AFRICA	Madagascar	Lala Rakotovoao	F	Government
AFRICA	Malawi	Jeffrey Hambani Luhanga	M	Government
AFRICA	Morocco	Khadija Jdidi	F	Government
AFRICA	Nigeria	David Okali	M	Government
AFRICA	South Africa	Maureen Wolfson	F	Government
AFRICA	Zimbabwe	Chirara Tsungai	F	Government
ASIA	China	Wang Dehui	M	Government
ASIA	Cook Islands	Ben Ponia	M	Government
ASIA	India	Shri R. H. Khwaja	M	Government
ASIA	Iran	Javad Mozafari	M	Government
ASIA	Jordan	Khalid Zaid Al-Majali	M	NGO
ASIA	Lebanon	Hassan Machlab	M	Academic
ASIA	Malaysia	Mohamad Bin Osman	M	Academic
ASIA	Pakistan	Anwar Nasim	M	Private Sector
ASIA	Philippines, the	Eliseo Banaynal	M	Government
ASIA	Rep. of Korea	Kyoung Hee Oh	F	Government
ASIA	Sri Lanka	Anoja Wickramasinghe	F	Academic
ASIA	Syria	Issa Mohiddine	M	Government
CEE	Albania	Bajram Mejdaj	M	Government
CEE	Belarus	Igor Mishkorudny	M	Government
CEE	Czech Republic	Milena Roudna	F	Government
CEE	Hungary	Krisztina Kovács	F	Government
CEE	Poland	Jan Matras	M	Academic
CEE	Rep. of Armenia	Sergey Shashikyan	M	Government
CEE	Rep. of Moldova	Balan Valerieu	M	NGO
CEE	Russia	L. V. Kalakoutskii	M	Academic inst.
CEE	Slovak Republic	Dezider Toth	M	Government
CEE	Ukraine	Victor V. Volkodav	M	Government
GRULAC	Argentina	Arturo Martinez	M	Government
GRULAC	Bolivia	Beatriz Zapata Ferrufino	F	Government
GRULAC	Brazil	Marcio de Miranda Santos	M	Government
GRULAC	Chile	Montecinos Camila	F	NGO
GRULAC	Costa Rica	Jorge Cabrera Medaglia	M	NGO
GRULAC	Cuba	Teresa D. Cruz Sardinias	F	Government
GRULAC	Ecuador	Rodrigo De La Cruz	M	Indigenous/local
GRULAC	Honduras	Cyril Sutherland	M	Academic
GRULAC	Jamaica	Carole Denise Stephens	F	Government
GRULAC	Mexico	Jose Carlos F. Ugalde	M	Government
GRULAC	Peru	Brendan Michael Tobin	M	NGO
GRULAC	Uruguay	Marcelo J. Cousillas	M	Government
GRULAC	Venezuela	Francisco Astudillo Gomez	M	Academic
WEOG	Australia	Sally Petherbridge	F	Government
WEOG	Canada	George Green	M	Private Sector
WEOG	Denmark	Lene Lange	F	Private Sector
WEOG	Europ. Commission	Nicola Notaro	M	EC
WEOG	Finland	Leena Hommo	F	Government
WEOG	France	Philippe Gracien	M	Private Sector
WEOG	Germany	Thomas Henkel	M	Private Sector
WEOG	Japan	Katsuhiko Ando	M	Private Sector
WEOG	Norway	Cary Fowler	M	Academic
WEOG	Spain	Elena Orland	F	Government
WEOG	Sweden	Olof T. Johansson	M	Indigenous c.
WEOG	Switzerland	Martin Girsberger	M	Gov/Acad.
WEOG	United Kingdom	Kerry ten Kate	F	Botanic Garden
WEOG	United States	Joshua Rosenthal	M	Gov/Acad.

**LIST OF OBSERVERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND MEETING OF THE  
PANEL OF EXPERTS ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission  
Asociacion Ixacavaa de Desarrollo e Informacion Indigena  
Association of South East Asian Nations  
Caribbean Community Secretariat  
Center for International Environmental Law  
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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
Global Environment Facility  
Indigenous People's Biodiversity Network  
International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation and Development (IWOKRAMA)  
International Labour Organization  
International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research  
IUCN-The World Conservation Union  
League of Arab States  
Max-Planck-Institute for Foreign Public Law and International Law  
Ministry of Maori Development  
North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation  
Novartis Seed AG  
Organization for African Unity  
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development  
Organization of American States  
South Pacific Regional Environment Programme  
The Gaia Foundation  
The General Secretariat of the Andean Community  
The World Bank  
Third World Network  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
United Nations Development Programme  
United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
United Nations Environment Programme  
United Nations Forum on Forests  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization  
World Conservation Monitoring Center  
World Health Organization  
World Intellectual Property Organization  
World Resources Institute  
World Trade Organization.  
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