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## NOTIFICATION

### **Decision VI/10 on Article 8(j) and related provisions; and Decision VI/18 on Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism. Nomination of Experts**

Pursuant to paragraph 28 of decision VI/10, the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, requested the Executive Secretary to establish a technical expert group to develop the roles and responsibilities of the thematic focal point within the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on issues related to Article 8(j) and related provisions, in accordance with task 8 of the programme of work adopted by the COP in decision V/16.

Related to the above, please note that paragraph 24 of the same decision, urges Parties and Governments, and, as appropriate, international organizations to encourage and support the development of communication mechanisms, such as the Indigenous Biodiversity Information Network (IBIN) among indigenous and local communities in response to their need for better understanding of the objectives and provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and for supporting discussions on guidelines, priorities, timelines and the implementation of the thematic programmes of the Convention.

Other decisions relevant to the development of an indigenous thematic focal point, include paragraph 10 of decision VI/19, which “Invites indigenous people's organizations, community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations to include communication, education and public awareness in their relevant activities and to support the global initiative on education and public awareness according to the conditions established in the annex to the present decision”, and paragraph 5 of decision VI/18, which “Urges the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with existing international networks of indigenous and local communities and, as appropriate, national focal points, to assist in the further development of communication networks for use by these communities, with an initial emphasis on information-sharing formats, protocols and standards, having regard to ethical issues pertaining to traditional knowledge. These networks would not be used to exchange or disclose traditional knowledge.”

In view of the above, the Secretariat invites your Organization/Institution to provide names of experts on communications networks, issues pertaining to the clearing-house mechanism and traditional knowledge, innovations and practices relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity by completing the attached form.

To: National Focal Points  
To: Indigenous and local community organizations





# Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

It would be appreciated if this information could be sent to the Secretariat, to the attention of Ms. Henrietta Marrie, Programme Officer - Social, Economic and Legal Section, as soon as possible, preferably no later than **30 September 2002**.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary



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## Nomination Form for the Technical Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge and the Clearing-House Mechanism

### Expert Information

Please provide full names rather than only acronyms or initials

Title:  Ms.  Mr.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Professor  Dr.

Name:

Employer / Organization:

Job Title:

Address:

Telephone:

Facsimile:

Email:

Web Site:

Year of Birth:

Gender:  Male  Female

Nationality:

### Details of Current Employment

Start Date of Employment  
(year):

Organization Type:  Academic  Industry  
 Government  Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)  
 Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO)  Indigenous and Local Community Organization  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Areas of Responsibility:

### Education

Formal education and other qualifications:

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Areas of expertise or  
specialization

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### Expertise

This section allows you to specify your main areas of expertise related to traditional knowledge and clearing-house mechanism. The following provides an illustrative list of possible areas of expertise, which you may choose from or add to:

1. Agricultural biodiversity 2. Clearing-house Mechanism 3. Communication network 4. Conservation ( <i>in situ, ex situ</i> ) 5. Economics (e.g: Environmental economics, Agricultural economics, etc) 6. Education/Training 7. Ethnobotany	8. Forest biological diversity 9. Indigenous Local Community /Traditional Knowledge 10. Law (e.g: Environmental Law, Public International Law, Intellectual Property Law, etc) 11. Marine biological diversity 12. Other – please specify
Area(s) of Expertise:	

### Employment History

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Main Countries or Regions  
Worked:

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Please give details of previous employment beginning with the most recent previous employer.

*Previous Employer 1*

Name of the Employer /  
Organization:

Job Title:

Duration of Time Employed:

Address:

Main Areas of Responsibility:

*Previous Employer 2*

Name of the Employer /  
Organization:

Job Title:

Duration of Time Employed:

Address:

Main Areas of Responsibility:

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## References

Please give name and detailed contact information for key professional references

Reference 1:

Reference 2:

Reference 3:

## Any Other Relevant Information

Please list any other information relevant to your role as an expert.

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## Confirmation and Agreement

I hereby confirm that the above information is correct and agree to its inclusion in the Technical Experts on Traditional Knowledge and Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity. I have no objection to this information being made publicly available.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Confirmation by Nominating Government

This section must be completed by a National Focal Point

Government:	
Name of Government Representative:	
Date:	
Signature:	

**OR**

## Confirmation by Indigenous Local Community Organization

This section must be completed by an Indigenous or Local Community Authority/Organization.

Organization:	
Name of Indigenous or Local Community Representative:	
Date:	
Signature:	