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## NOTIFICATION

### **Access and Benefit-sharing: Composition of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches Windhoek, Namibia, 2-5 December 2008**

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its ninth meeting held in Bonn, Germany, the Conference of the Parties decided, in decision IX/12, to establish a group of technical and legal experts to further examine the issue of concepts, terms, working definitions and sectoral approaches in order to assist the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

The Conference of the Parties also decided “that the expert group shall be regionally balanced and composed of 30 experts nominated by Parties and total of 15 observers from: (a) different sectors including, *inter alia*, industry, research institutions/academia, botanical gardens and other *ex situ* collection holders; (b) international organisations and agreements, non-governmental organizations; and (c) including three representatives from indigenous and local communities nominated by them”. The Executive Secretary was requested “to recommend the list of selected experts and observers for the approval of the Bureau.”

In accordance with the above, by Notification 2008-104 of 18 August 2008, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, indigenous and local communities, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders to nominate experts and observers for the meeting of the group of legal and technical experts on concepts, terms, working definitions and sectoral approaches. On the basis of these nominations, 30 experts and 15 observers were selected taking into account their expertise, the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and with due regard to gender balance. The list of selected experts and observers was subsequently submitted to, and approved by the Bureau. The agenda and annotated agenda are available on the Secretariat’s web site at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSGTLE-01> and other documents will be posted as soon as they are finished.

The list of selected experts and observers is attached for your information, as well as the full list of nominations received. A letter of invitation is being sent to selected experts and observers together with information of relevance to their participation in the meeting.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

### **Attachments**

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**Group of Legal and Technical Experts on  
Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches  
Windhoek, Namibia, 2-5 December 2008**

**SELECTED EXPERTS**

**Africa**

Egypt:	Mr. Ossama M. El-Tayeb
Ethiopia:	Mr. Abyiot Berhanu
Mauritius:	Mr. Manikchand Putto
Namibia:	Mr. Petrus François (Pierre) du Plessis
Niger:	Mr. Baïna Danjimo
Nigeria:	Ms. Benedita Olayinka Falana
Tanzania:	Mr. Eric Kamoga Mugurusi

**Asia**

India:	Dr. P. L. Gautam
Indonesia:	Ms. Endah Tri Kurniawaty
Iran:	Mr. Shahabaddin Montazamy
Japan:	Prof. Dr. Katsuhiko Ando
Pakistan:	Mr. Asif Hanif
Philippines:	Dr. Perry S. Ong
Thailand:	Mr. Chonnapat Winyawat

**CEE**

Czech Rep.:	Mrs. Vera Matlova
Georgia:	Ms. Anna Rukhadze
Tajikistan:	Dr. Neymatullo Safarov

**EU/JUSCANZ**

Canada:	Dr. Desmond Mahon
EC:	Mr. Matthias Buck
France:	Ms. Isabelle Clement-Nissou
Germany:	Dr. Peter-Tobias Stoll
Netherlands:	Dr. Bert Visser
Switzerland:	Mr. Marco D'Alessandro
United Kingdom:	Ms. China Williams

**GRULAC**

Brazil:	Ms. Maria José Amstalden Sampaio
Costa Rica:	Mr. Jorge Alberto Cabrera Medaglia
Cuba:	Ms. Teresa Dolores Cruz Sardiñas
Peru:	Mr. Santiago Pastor Soplin
St. Lucia:	Mr. Michael Andrew
Uruguay:	Ms. Mercedes Maria Rivas Latorre

**Group of Legal and Technical Experts on  
Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches  
Windhoek, Namibia, 2-5 December 2008**

**SELECTED OBSERVERS**

**BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Ms. Maureen Margaret Wolfson, South Africa National Botanic Gardens

**INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Mr. Merle Craig Alexander, Dena Kaych Institute

Ms. Lucia Fernanda Inacio Belfort, Instituto Indigena Brasileiro Para Propriedade Intelectual - INBRAPI

Ms. Lucy Mullenkei, Kenya Indigenous Information Network

**INDUSTRY**

Ms. Anke van der Hurk, Plantum NL

Dr. Manisha Desai, Eli Lilly & Company

Mr. Kees Noome, Limagrain

Ms. Karen M. Hauda, Abbott Laboratories

Mr. Cyril Lombard, PhytoTrade Africa

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Dr. Michael Halewood, Bioversity International

Mr. Kent Nnadozie, FAO International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Mr. Dan Leskien, FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

**NON-PARTIES**

Mr. A. David Miller, Office of Ecology and Natural Resource Conservation, US State Department

**RESEARCH INSTITUTES/ACADEMIA**

Dr. Christoph L. Haeuser, International Union of Biological Sciences

Dr. David E. Schindel, Smithsonian Institution

**Access and Benefit-sharing: Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches  
(Windhoek, Namibia, 2-5 December 2008)  
List of Nominated of Experts and Observers**

<b>GOVERNMENTS</b>			
<b>AFRICA</b>			
	Egypt	Mr. Ossama M. El-Tayeb	PhD - Emeritus of Microbiology and Immunology / Director of the Microbial Biotechnology Center/ ABS National Focal Point
	Ethiopia	Mr. Abyiot Berhanu	MSc Botanical Science / Information and Documentation Service, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation
	Gambia	Mr. Abdoulie A. Danso	MSc Forest Ressources / Consultant in Natural Resource Management
	Mauritius	Mr. Manikchand Putto	Director National Parks and Conservation Service
	Mozambique	Mr. Andre Augusto da Silva	Lawyer in environmental law – ES of the National Council for Sustainable Development
	Mozambique	Ms. Eulalia Macome	MSc in Natural Resources Economist – Natural Resources Management Specialist/Forestry Specialist
	Namibia	Mr. Petrus François (Pierre) du Plessis	B.A. – South African Economic History / Senior consultant-member of CRIAA SA-DC
	Niger	Mr. Baïna Danjimo	Botanist-Ecology / Researcher at l'Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique du Niger (INRAN)
	Nigeria	Mrs. Benedita Olayinka Falana	MSc of Science (Environment Studies and Management) / Chief Wildlife Officer, Federal Ministry of Environment, Housing and Urban Development and ABS Focal Point
	Nigeria	Mrs. A.A. Shoetan	

	Rep. Democratique du Congo	Mr. Kapudu Diwa Muntimanua	Président du réseau des populations autochtones d'Afrique Centrale
	Rep. Democratique du Congo	Mrs. Chantal Nkey Ngono	Experte à la Direction du Développement Durable et Point Focal de l'APA
	Tanzania	Mr. Eric Kamoga Mugurusi	Bsc. (Engineering), Land Survey and Photogrammetry / Director, Vice President's Office, Division of Environment
<b>ASIA and the PACIFIC</b>			
	Cambodia	Mr. Sam Chamroeun	Environment Lawyer / Dir. of the Dept. of Planning and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Environment
	India	Dr. P.L. Gautam	PhD Genetic / Deputy Director General (Crop Science), Indian Council of Agricultural Research
	Indonesia	Ms. Endah Tri Kurniawaty	MSc Planning and Public Policy / Head of Subdivision of Genetic Resources Biodiversity Conservation Unit
	Iran	Mr. Shahabaddin Montazamy	Director General, Wildlife Gene Bank and Biodiversity Office, Department of Environment
	Japan	Prof. Dr. Katsuhiko Ando	PhD Agriculture / Director Biotechnology Development Center
	Pakistan	Dr. Shahzad Jehangir	PhD in Environmental Remote Sensing and GIS / Deputy Inspector General (Forests), Ministry of Environment (principal Participant)
	Pakistan	Mr. Asif Hanif	MBA in Project Management - MSc in Zoology with specialization in Environmental Microbiology / Deputy Project Manager National MEAs Secretariat, Ministry of Environment
	Philippines	Dr. Perry S. Ong	PhD Science Ecology and Biology / Director Institute of Biology
	Philippines	Mr. Elpidio Peria	Attorney - Member Sub-Committee on Biological Diversity
	Philippines	Ms. Annaliza Albano Vitug	Attorney - Chief, Fisheries Regulatory and Quarantine Division

	Thailand	Mr. Chonnapat Winyawat	Master of Law (International, Medical and Public Health) / Provincial Public Prosecutor Office of Attorney General
<b>CEE</b>			
	Czech Republic	Mrs. Vera Matlova	MSc Agriculture / Animal Genetic Resources National Coordinator, Institute of Animal Science
	Georgia	Ms. Anna Rukhadze	Independent Expert / National Strategy on Plant Genetic Resources
	Tajikistan	Dr. Neymatullo Safarov	Head of national Biodiversity and Biosafety Center / SCBD Focal Point
<b>EU/JUSCAN</b>			
	Canada	Dr. Desmond Mahon	PhD Toxicology / Manager Access & Benefit Sharing and Biosafety, Environment Canada
	Canada	Dr. Brad. Fraleigh	PhD Plant Development and Breeding / Director International Science Cooperation Bureau
	European Commission	Mr. Matthias Buck	PhD Economic and Political Science / Policy Officer International Biodiversity and Biosafety
	France	Mrs. Isabelle Clement-Nissou	Engineer, diploma of Agronomy, Specialized I Plant Breeding / Senior Expert – International Relations Groupement National Interprofessionnel des Semences et Plants (GNIS)
	Germany	Dr. Peter-Tobias Stoll	PhD Law / Professor of Law, Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht
	Netherlands	Dr. Bert Visser	PhD Medical Virology / Director of CGN
	Switzerland	Mr. Marco D'Alessandro	PhD in Chemical Ecology / Federal Office for the Environment, Scientific Officer – responsible for the national implementation of the Bonn Guidelines
	United Kingdom	Ms China Williams	LLM, SOAS, London University, Dip. Law, City University / Herbarium Department , Dicot Systematics CBD Education Officer
	United Kingdom	Prof. Monique Simmonds	PhD, Birkbeck College / Deputy Keeper and Head of Sustainable Uses of Plants Group

	United Kingdom	Dr. Alan Paton	PhD, Univ. Edinburgh / Assistant Herbarium Keeper, Dicot Systematics
<b>GRULAC</b>			
	Brazil	Ms. Maria José Amstalden Sampaio	PhD in Biochemistry and Enzymology / Researcher at Agricultural Research Corporation
	Costa Rica	Mr. Jorge Alberto Cabrera Medaglia	MSc in Economic Law / Legal Adviser of the National Biodiversity Institute
	Cuba	Ms. Teresa Dolores Cruz Sardiñas	MSc– Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment
	Peru	Mr. Santiago Pastor Soplin	MSc in Science and Genetic / Biodiversity and Biosafety of the Ministry of the Environment
	Peru	Ms Sandra Isola Elias	MSc in Conservation of Forest Resources / Mennonite Economic Development Associate (MEDA) Subsidiary Peru
	St-Lucia	Mr. Michael Andrew	Chief Forestry Officer
	Uruguay	Ms. Mercedes Maria Rivas Latorre	MSc Biology, Botany and Genetic/ Adjunct Professor Plant Genetic Resources, Agronomy Faculty
<b>OBSERVERS</b>			
<b>NON-PARTIES</b>			
	USA	Mr. A. David Miller	MBA / Foreign Service Officer, US Dept. of State, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science
<b>INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGREEMENTS</b>			
	Bioversity International	Dr. Michael Halewood	Head of the Policy Research and Support Unit
	ITPGRFA	Mr. Kent Nnadozie	Treaty Support Officer
	FAO – CGRFA	Mr. Dan Leskien	Legal Specialist
	UNEP	Ms. Margaret Oduk	Programme Officer DELC
	WIPO	Ms. Begoña Venera	Head, Genetic Resources, Traditional knowledge and Biotechnology Section.

	WTO	Mrs. Jayashree Watel	Counsellor, Intellectual Property Division
<b>NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
	FIELD	Ms. Linda Siegele	PhD in Law / Staff Lawyer
	The CBD Alliance and Kalpavriksh	Mr. Agbenyo Dzogbedo	PhD in Environmental Management and MCs in Law - Togo
	The CBD Alliance and Kalpavriksh	Mr. Hartmut Meyer	Consultant of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation for IPR and ABS issues - Germany
<b>INDUSTRY</b>			
	Plantum NL	Ms. Anke van den Hurk	A.M. / Senior Advisor at Plantum NL, the Dutch plant breeding organisation (nominated by the International Seed Federation, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and Access and Benefit Sharing Alliance (ABSA))
	Eli Lilly & Company	Dr. Manisha Desai	S.D., Ph.D. Pharmacology, / Regional Patent Counsel, Eli Lilly & Company (nominated by IFPMA, Intellectual Property Owners Association, ICC and ABSA)
	Limagrain	Mr. Kees Noome	Responsible for legal affairs, French Seed Company Limagrain (nominated by ICC and ABSA)
	Abbott Laboratories	Ms. Karen M. Hauda	J.D. Senior Director, Global Government Affairs, Abbott Laboratories (nominated by ICC and ABSA)
	PhytoTrade Africa	Mr. Cyril Lombard	Market Development Manager, PhytoTrade Africa
	PhytoTrade Africa	Ms. Nontokozi Nemarundwe	PhD in Rural Development / Impact Monitoring Manager



**RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS**

	International Union of Biological Sciences	Dr. Christoph L. Haeuser	State Museum of Natural History, Germany / IUBS Working Group on ABS
	Smithsonian Institution	Dr. David E. Schindel	PhD in geological Sciences / Executive Secretary, Consortium for the Barcode of Life, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History
	University of State of Amazonas	Mrs. Cristiane Derani	PhD in Economic Law / professor at the University of the State of the Amazonas, Manaus, Brazil

**BOTANICAL GARDENS**

	South Africa – National Botanical Gardens	Ms. Maureen Margaret Wolfson	PhD, / Director or Research Services and International Liaison at the South African National Biodiversity Institute
	United Kingdom – Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	Ms. China Williams	CBD Education Officer

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	Akuaipa Waimakat	Mr. Miguel Antonio Valbuena Guauriyu	Anthropologist / Advisor for human rights and indigenous rights processes for the Secretariat of the Division of indigenous affairs - Columbia
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	Dena Kaych Institute	Mr. Merle Craig Alexander	Legal practitioner in constitutional and aboriginal associate at the Boughton Law Corporation - Canada
	INBRAPI	Ms Lucia Fernanda Inácio Belfort	MsC - Brazil
	Indigenous Information Network	Mrs. Lucy Mullenkei	Manager and Trainer on Environmental Issues - Kenya
	Tebtebba Foundation	Ms. Jennifer Tauli Corpuz	Dr. of Juridical Sciences (SJD) Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy / Legal Desk and Project coordinator and Trainer - Philippines
<b>OTHERS</b>			
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		Mr. Timothy Hodges	Co-Chairs WGABS
		Mr. Marc Auer	German COP Presidency Observer