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NOTIFICATION

Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to provide information regarding the composition of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

The Informal Advisory Committee was established by the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit-sharing (COP-MOP 1) to provide advice to the Executive Secretary on matters of relevance to the assessment of the effectiveness of the strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol adopted by COP-MOP 1 (decision NP-1/8). The decision provides that the Informal Advisory Committee will comprise 15 experts selected by the Executive Secretary on the basis of nominations by Parties with due regard to equitable geographic representation and gender balance and shall also include representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations (decision NP-1/8, annex II).

At its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit-sharing (COP-MOP 2) decided that the Informal Advisory Committee will hold at least one meeting, and online consultations as needed, to complete its mandate and report on the outcomes of its work to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, at its third meeting (decision NP-2/8, para. 5).

Through notification 2017-113 of 3 November 2017, a reminder dated 27 November 2017 and notification 2017-135 of 6 December 2017 extending the deadline for nominations, Parties to the Nagoya Protocol were invited to nominate experts actively involved in capacity-building related to access and benefit-sharing to be considered for selection to attend the third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee. In response to these notifications, 32 nominations were received from countries. The experts were selected with due regard to the nominees' expertise and active engagement in ABS capacity-building, equitable geographic representation and gender balance, in accordance with the terms of reference in annex II to decision NP-1/8. Due to the small number of nominations received from Parties in the regional group Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), only two members from this region could be selected instead of three.

In addition, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities were selected and international and regional organizations involved in capacity-building to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol were identified to participate in the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building.

To: ABS National Focal Points (or CBD National Focal Points where ABS Focal Points have not yet been designated), indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations



Against this background, I am pleased to convey herewith the list of experts including representatives from governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to participate in the third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol to be held from 20 to 22 March 2018 in Montreal, Canada.

A letter of invitation to the third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee will be sent to the experts together with relevant information concerning the meeting. Documents for the meeting will be posted in due course on the Secretariat's website.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD
Executive Secretary

**INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL**

LIST OF SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

Africa

1. Dr. Lilian Chimphepo (Malawi)
2. Mr. Samuel Dieme (Senegal)
3. Ms. Sarah Naigaga (Uganda)

Asia & Pacific

4. Ms. Jargal Jamsranjav (Mongolia)
5. Ms. Donna Kalfatak (Vanuatu)
6. Dr. Hoang Thi Thanh Nhan (Viet Nam)

Central and Eastern Europe

7. Ms. Elena Makeyeva (Belarus)
8. Ms. Angela Lozan (Republic of Moldova)

Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries

9. Ms. Nneka Nicholas (Antigua and Barbuda)
10. Ms. Julieta Sarno (Argentina)
11. Mr. Sergio Ricardo Hernández Ordoñez (Mexico)

Western European and Others Group

12. Mr. Han de Koeijer (Belgium)
13. Ms. Mery Ciacci (European Union)
14. Mr. Hartmut Meyer (Germany)

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

1. Ms. Yolanda Teran (Andes Chinchasyu, Ecuador)
2. Ms. Lucy Mullenkei (Indigenous Information Network, Kenya)
3. Mr. Pasang Sherpa (Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Research and Development, Nepal)

Relevant organizations

1. Mr. Andreas Drews (ABS Capacity Development Initiative)
2. Mr. Elpidio V. Peria (ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity)
3. Dr. Michael Halewood (Bioversity International)
4. Ms. Thérèse Yarde (Caribbean Community Secretariat)
5. Mr. Chouaibou Nchoutpouen (Commission des forêts d'Afrique Centrale)
6. Mr. Mario Marino (International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture)
7. Mr. Dan Leskien (FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture)
8. Mr. Jaime Cavelier (Global Environmental Facility)
9. Ms. Yolanda Saito (International Development Law Organization)
10. Ms. Melesha Banhan (International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
11. Mr. David Vivas (UN Conference on Trade and Development)
12. Mr. Santiago Carrizosa (UN Development Programme)
13. Mr. Emmanuel Adonsou (UN Environment)