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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology**

Madam/Sir,

Further to [Notification 2019-023](#), issued on 20 February 2019, nominations were received with a view to renewing the membership in the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (AHTEG). The selection of new members has now been concluded in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, taking into account their relevant field of expertise with due regard to geographical representation and gender balance and following the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest as set out in the annex to decision 14/33.

I am, therefore, pleased to announce the composition of the AHTEG attached herewith.

With the generous financial support of the European Union, a meeting of the AHTEG will be convened in Montreal, Canada from 4 to 7 June 2019. Further information and documents for the meeting will be made available on: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SYNBIO-AHTEG-2019-01>.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD National Focal Points, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities  
cc: SBSTTA National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points



*Annex*

**COMPOSITION OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY**

***PARTIES***

| <b>REGION</b>       | <b>COUNTRY</b>       | <b>EXPERT</b>                       |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Africa</b>       | South Africa         | Ms. Ntakadzeni Tshidada             |
|                     | Sudan                | Ms. Nada Babiker Hamza              |
|                     | Madagascar           | Mr. Jean Roger Rakotoarijaona       |
|                     | Benin                | Mr. Félicien Amakpe                 |
|                     | Namibia              | Mr. Filemon Nghitilanganye Shindume |
| <b>Asia-Pacific</b> | China                | Mr. Yongbo Liu                      |
|                     | Malaysia             | Ms. Mohana Anita Anthonysamy        |
|                     | Syrian Arab Republic | Mr. Ossama Abdelkawy                |
|                     | Philippines          | Ms. Flerida Cariño                  |
|                     | Viet Nam             | Ms. Le Thi Thu Hien                 |
| <b>CEE</b>          | Belarus              | Ms. Galina Mozgova                  |
|                     | Bulgaria             | Mr. Nikolay Tzvetkov                |
|                     | Republic of Moldova  | Ms. Angela Lozan                    |
|                     | Slovenia             | Mr. Martin Batič                    |
|                     | Serbia               | Mr. Aleksej Tarasev                 |
| <b>WEOG</b>         | Norway               | Mr. Casper Linnestad                |
|                     | Austria              | Mr. Helmut Gaugitsch                |
|                     | Canada               | Mr. Jim Louter                      |
|                     | Australia            | Ms. Louisa Matthew                  |
|                     | Germany              | Ms. Margret Engelhard               |
| <b>GRULAC</b>       | Brazil               | Ms. Luciana Ambrozevicius           |
|                     | Cuba                 | Mr. Lazaro Regalado                 |
|                     | Mexico               | Mr. Emmanuel González-Ortega        |
|                     | Ecuador              | Ms. Maria de Lourdes Torres         |
|                     | Colombia             | Mr. Carlos Augusto Ospina Bravo     |

***OTHER GOVERNMENTS***

| <b>COUNTRY</b>           | <b>EXPERT</b>       |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| United States of America | Ms. Jennifer Shinen |

## ***ORGANIZATIONS***

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b>                                   | <b>EXPERT</b>            |
|---|--------------------------|
| EuropaBio   | Ms. Felicity Keiper      |
| Third World Network                                   | Ms. Li Ching Lim         |
| J. Craig Venter Institute                             | Mr. Robert Friedman      |
| GenØk - Centre for Biosafety                          | Ms. Sarah Agapito-Tenfen |
| Federation of German Scientists                       | Ms. Ricarda Steinbrecher |
| IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) | Mr. Dan Tompkins         |
| ETC Group   | Mr. Jim Thomas           |
| WHO (World Health Organization)                       | Ms. Rosamund Lewis       |
| North Carolina State University                       | Mr. Todd Kuiken          |

## ***INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES***

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b>   | <b>MEMBER</b>                  |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Ole Siosiomaga Society Inc (OLSSI)  | Mr. Sapa Saifaleupolu          |
| La Red de Mujeres Indigenas sobre Biodiversidad de America Latina y el Caribe | Ms. Maria Yolanda Teran Maigua |