



Ref.: SCBD/NPU/DC/VN/RKi/87803

12 June 2019

REVISED NOTIFICATION¹

**Nominations to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on
Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources**

Madam/Sir,

Further to the timeline for the inter-sessional activities on digital sequence information on genetic resources, outlined in [notification 2019-012](#), issued on 5 February 2019, I am pleased to invite nominations to the extended Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources.

In [decision 14/20](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity established an AHTEG on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources to:

- (a) Consider the compilation and synthesis of views and information and the peer-reviewed studies (as referred to in paragraph 11(b) to (e) of the decision);
- (b) Develop options for operational terms and their implications to provide conceptual clarity on digital sequence information on genetic resources, considering in particular the study referred to in paragraph 11(b) of the decision;
- (c) Identify key areas for capacity-building;
- (d) Submit its outcomes for consideration by a meeting of the open-ended working group established under [decision 14/34](#) to be held prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

A meeting of the AHTEG on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources is tentatively scheduled to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 17 to 20 March 2020, with the generous financial support of the European Union.

Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant organizations and stakeholders are invited to nominate experts to the AHTEG by **15 August 2019** through an official letter, addressed to the Executive Secretary, sent by e-mail as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int.

The letter of nomination must be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the nominated expert as well as an interest disclosure form duly completed and signed by the nominee, in accordance with [decision 14/33](#). The interest disclosure form is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/forms/conflict-interest-form-en.pdf>.

Based on the nominations received, the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference to the Parties, will select the experts to take part in the meeting on the basis of their expertise, experience and the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and gender balance. The composition of the AHTEG will be announced in a subsequent notification.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD
Executive Secretary

¹ The notification has been revised in light of decision 14/33, which requires nominated experts to duly complete and sign an interest disclosure form at the time of nomination.

To: CBD National Focal Points and ABS National Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant organizations and stakeholders