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NOTIFICATION

Selected experts for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Invasive Alien Species Montreal, Canada from 2 to 4 December 2019

Madam/Sir,

The selection of experts for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Invasive Alien Species (AHTEG) has now been concluded and I am pleased, therefore, to announce the composition of the AHTEG attached herewith.

As you may recall, in notification [2019-078](#), dated 13 September 2019, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations were invited to nominate experts to serve on the AHTEG. The selection was carried out by the Secretariat, in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau, in accordance with the modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-08/official/cop-08-16-add4-en.pdf>), taking into account the expertise of the nominated experts and their contributions during the online forum, held in the period from 1 May to 15 September 2019, and with due regard to geographical representation and gender balance.

I am pleased to inform you that the AHTEG will meet from 2 to 4 December 2019 in Montreal, Canada, back-to-back with the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-23), with generous financial support from the Government of Norway. The meeting will be held in accordance with para 5 of decision 14/11 of the Conference of the Parties and will follow the Terms of Reference stipulated in Annex II to the same decision. The selected experts from eligible Parties will be contacted directly by the Secretariat with regards to their travel arrangements.

Further information and documents will be made available in due course on the website of the Convention at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/IAS-AHTEG-2019-01>.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD
Executive Secretary

To: CBD and SBSTTA National Focal Points, Relevant Organizations, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities
cc: The Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species, the Secretariat of the ECOSOC Sub-committee of the Expert on Transport of Dangerous Goods, IPBES Secretariat



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Montreal, Canada from 2 to 4 December 2019**

African Group	
1. Egypt	Mr. Mohamed Reda Fishar
2. Côte d'Ivoire	Ms. Marie Solange Tiebre
3. South Africa	Ms. Ntakadzeni Tshidada
Asia-Pacific Group	
4. China	Ms. Caiyun Zhao
5. Indonesia	Ms. Titi Setyawati
6. Malaysia	Ms. Lailatul Jumaiyah Binti Saleh Huddin
Eastern European Group	
7. Belarus	Ms. Tatsiana Lipinskaya
8. Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mr. Samir Djug
9. Croatia	Mr. Aljoša Duplić
Latin American and Caribbean Group	
10. Argentina	Ms. Inés Kasulin
11. Chile	Ms. Paulina Stowhas
12. Cuba	Ms. Marvis Esther Suárez Romero
Western European and Others Group	
13. Australia	Mr. Andrew Sheppard
14. Norway	Mr. Esten Ødegaard
15. Sweden	Ms. Melanie Josefsson
Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities	
16. International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity	Ms. Christine Grant
Organizations	
17. Canadian Food Inspection Agency	Ms. Christine Villegas
18. European Commission	Mr. Spyridon Flevaris
19. Global Biodiversity Information Facility	Mr. Dmitry Schigel

20. International Plant Protection Convention	Ms. Barbara Peterson
21. International Union for Conservation of Nature	Ms. Shyama Pagad
22. International Union for Conservation of Nature, Invasive Species Specialist Group	Ms. Sabrina Kumschick
23. Island Conservation	Mr. Gregg Howald
24. Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand	Ms. Laura Forrest
25. National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan	Mr. Makihiko Ikegami
26. National Invasive Species Council, United States of America	Mr. Stanley Burgiel
27. Newcastle University, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Peter Robertson
28. WWF International	Mr. Colmán Ó Críodáin

