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## NOTIFICATION

### Composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources

Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to provide information regarding the composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources.

The AHTEG was established/extended by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP) at its fourteenth meeting (COP-14, [decision 14/20](#)). The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol welcomed, at its third meeting (COP-MOP 3), decision 14/20 of the COP (COP-MOP 3 of the Nagoya Protocol, [decision 3/12](#)). The AHTEG was established to consider any potential implications of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources on the three objectives of the Convention and particularly the objective of the Nagoya Protocol. The outcomes of the AHTEG are expected to be considered by the Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The latter is requested to make recommendations to COP 15 and COP-MOP 4 of the Nagoya Protocol.

Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, other governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations and stakeholders were invited, through [notification 2019-053](#) issued on 12 June 2019, to nominate experts to the AHTEG on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources. In response to the invitation, a total of 44 nominations were received from Parties, with more than 5 nominations from each region except for Central and Eastern Europe, from which only three nominations were received. In addition, 25 nominations were received from organizations and 2 from indigenous people and local communities. The Secretariat selected 37 experts based on their experience with and knowledge on digital sequence information on genetic resources as well as with due regard to regional and gender balance.

I am pleased to convey herewith the list of experts as approved by the Bureau who will be invited to participate in the meeting of the AHTEG on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources to be held from 17 to 20 March 2020 in Montreal, Canada.

An invitation letter will be sent to the experts together with relevant information regarding 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

Enclosure

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

**COMPOSITION OF THEAD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON DIGITAL SEQUENCE  
INFORMATION ON GENETIC RESOURCES**

<i>Africa</i>		
1	Aurélie Taylor Patience Dingom	Cameroon
2	Mame Nahé Diouf	Senegal
3	Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni	South Africa
4	Nada Babiker Hamza	Sudan
5	Samson Gwali	Uganda
<i>Asia-Pacific</i>		
6	Jiang Chang	China
7	Chirra Achalender Reddy	India
8	Nobuyuki Fujita	Japan
9	Eizadora T. Yu	Philippines
10	Myounghai Kwak	Republic of Korea
<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>		
11	Georgina M. Catacora-Vargas	Bolivia
12	Henry de Novion	Brazil
13	Melania Muñoz García	Costa Rica
14	Efren German Santos Ordóñez	Ecuador
15	Jannel Gabriel	Saint Lucia
<i>Central and Eastern-Europe</i>		
16	Galina Mozgova	Belarus
17	Nikolay Kirilov Tzvetkov	Bulgaria
18	Tamara Čimbora Zovko	Croatia
<i>Western European and Others</i>		
19	Hendrik Segers	Belgium
20	Kathryn Davis	Canada
21	Alicja Kozłowska	European Union
22	Gaute Voigt-Hanssen	Norway
23	Christopher H. C. Lyal	United Kingdom

<i>Indigenous Organization</i>		
24	Kamal Kumar Rai	Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal
25	Yolanda Teran	Indigenous Organization Andes Chinchasyu from Ecuador
<i>Other Organization</i>		
26	Manuel Ruiz Muller	Peruvian Society for Environmental Law (SPDA)
27	Daniele Manzella	Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
28	Edward Hammond	Third World Network
29	Dan Leskien	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA)
30	Kevin McCluskey	World Federation for Culture Collection (WFCC)
31	Ole Seberg	Global Genome Biodiversity Network (GGBN)
32	Guy Cochrane	EMBL - European Bioinformatics Institute
33	Dirk Neumann	Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF)
34	Dominic Muyltermans	International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
35	Shakeel Bhatti	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
36	Noelle Anglin	CGIAR Centres
37	Pierre du Plessis	African Union