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## NOTIFICATION

### **Decision 14/22 Resource mobilization Composition of the Panel of Experts**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to provide information regarding the composition of the Panel of Experts on resource mobilization that will contribute to developing the resource mobilization component of the post-2020 framework. The work of the Panel of Experts is supported by the generous financial contribution of the Government of Germany.

In decision 14/22, the Conference of the Parties affirmed that resource mobilization will be an integral part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and decided to initiate preparations of this resource mobilization component at an early stage, and in full coherence and coordination with the overall process of developing the post-2020 framework. To this effect, paragraph 15 of the decision requested the Executive Secretary to contract a panel of experts, with equal representation from developing country Parties and developed country Parties and one from international non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the overall process for the post-2020 framework and to prepare pertinent reports for the consideration of the Open-ended Working Group tasked with the overall process, and of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

Against this background, I am pleased to convey that the following three experts were contracted, based on a competitive process in accordance with United Nations rules, and taking into account the balance requested in decision 14/22: Ms. Tracey Cumming (Republic of South Africa), Mr. Jeremy Eppel (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), and Mr. Yasha Feferholtz (EcoHealth Alliance). Please find their short biographies in the Annex.

Mr. Feferholtz will be leading the work on estimating the resources needed for the implementation of the post-2020 framework, as requested by decision 14/22. In this capacity, Mr. Feferholtz will also be a member of the panel of experts tasked, by decision 14/23 on the financial mechanism, with the assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols during the eighth replenishment period of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility, thus linking the work on these closely related areas with a view to achieve synergy and methodological consistency. Contracting of the remaining experts on the GEF-8 needs assessment is currently under way, supported by the generous financial contribution of the Government of Sweden. Parties and relevant organizations will be informed on the outcomes of this process in due course.

Enclosure

To: CBD National Focal Points; Resource Mobilization Focal Points; Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points, ABS National Focal Points, relevant organizations and initiatives, stakeholders and indigenous peoples and local communities



Notification 2019-086, dated 8 October 2019, invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit pertinent views and experiences on resource mobilization to support the work of the Panel of Experts. Now that the Panel has been appointed, I encourage Parties and relevant organizations to submit views and experiences to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) as soon as possible and at the latest by **29 November 2019**.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema  
Officer-in-Charge

*Annex***Panel of Experts on Resource Mobilization**

Ms. Tracey Cumming has over fifteen years' experience in biodiversity policy and biodiversity finance. Tracey is currently a global Technical Advisor for the UNDP Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) where she provides guidance to countries on biodiversity expenditure reviews; finance needs assessments; biodiversity finance plans and the implementation of finance mechanisms at a national level. She previously led the South African BIOFIN work in the national Department of Environmental Affairs, and was a Policy Advisor in the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), focusing on resource economics, incentives, mainstreaming and stewardship. Tracey also serves on the IUCN WCPA Specialist Group on Privately Protected Areas and Nature Stewardship. Tracey has an undergraduate degree in Economics and Environmental Science, and a Master's degree in Environmental Science.

Mr. Jeremy Eppel is the co-founder of Eppel Sustainability, a consultancy established in 2016 to help organisations tackle global sustainability challenges and secure funding. He has advised the World Bank's Global Wildlife Program, the Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit, UN Environment Programme, CITES and a range of non-Governmental organisations. Until 2016, Jeremy was Deputy Director International in the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). In this role, he commissioned and oversaw the work of the UK-India High-Level Panel on Resource Mobilisation, led the UK delegation to CBD COP 11 and COP 12 and, as a member of the Bureau, co-chaired the contact group on resource mobilisation at COP 12. Jeremy also led pioneering efforts to tackle the illegal wildlife trade (IWT) through the London and Kasane Conferences, by funding frontline projects under the IWT Challenge Fund and the Darwin Initiative, and by exploring opportunities for new sources of finance for biodiversity protection. Jeremy has almost four decades of experience advising Ministers and providing leadership in international and domestic policy making, including eight years spent as Environment Counsellor in the Organisation for Economic Development and Co-operation (OECD), Paris. Jeremy is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Trustee of IUCN UK and of TRAFFIC International.

Dr. Yasha Feferholtz is a senior economist for EcoHealth Alliance, headquartered in New York City, United States. In this position, Yasha has been working and advising on USAID and DTRA funded projects for sustainable development and health economics in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Liberia. He regularly conducts economic analyses to promote policies on sustainable development and conservation for global projects. Yasha has led studies on the economic impact of emerging infectious diseases, allocation of global resources for the Global Virome Project (GVP), economic valuation of ecosystem services from forest and health, cost-benefit analyses for Rabies virus in Asia and Rift Valley Fever virus in Africa, economic impacts of global wildlife trade, and integrated assessment modelling to understand the environmental impact of natural resource degradation. Most of his work is applied to public policy and he has co-authored several peer-review papers and reports in sustainable economic development, conservation, and health. After obtaining a degree in finance, Yasha earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wyoming, specializing in environmental economics, and behavioural-experimental economics under a Fulbright scholarship.