



NOTIFICATION
Composition of the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group on
Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to circulate herewith the composition of the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources.

The Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group was established by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-3), Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada), during the first part of WG2020-3 in follow-up to discussions held in Contact Group 5 on digital sequence information on genetic resources. The Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group is being led by the Co-Leads of the Contact Group, Ms. Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni (South Africa) and Mr. Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway).

In accordance with its terms of reference, which were developed by the Co-Chairs in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the Executive Secretary, and subsequently annexed to the report of the meeting, the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group will provide advice and feedback on the following elements:

- (a) an assessment of consequences of possible policy approaches, options or modalities for benefit-sharing arising from the utilization of digital sequence information on genetic resources, based on the report of the first part of WG2020-3, Annex II of document WG2020/3/4, and submissions received following notification 2021-063 (<https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/submissions/2021-063>);
- (b) areas of potential convergence and areas of apparent divergence based on the summary prepared by the Co-Leads (<https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/wg2020-03/documents>);
- (c) areas of additional work on digital sequence information on genetic resources that may be required in the period between the second part of WG2020-3 and the second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties.

The outcomes of the work of the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group will be made available as an information document to the second part of WG2020-3, scheduled to take place in January 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Following an invitation by the Co-Chairs through the Bureau, a total of 25 nominations were received from Parties. In addition, six nominations were received from six geo-cultural regions to represent indigenous peoples and local communities.

Further to the terms of reference of the Informal Advisory Group, other governments, and relevant stakeholders and organizations may be invited to participate in meetings, at the invitation and discretion of the Co-Leads.

I am pleased to convey herewith the list, as approved by the Bureau, of the 31 representatives that have been invited to form the Informal Advisory Group.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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



Annex
**COMPOSITION OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CO-CHAIRS GROUP ON DIGITAL SEQUENCE
INFORMATION ON GENETIC RESOURCES**

Africa	Ms. Mphatso Kalembe	Malawi
Africa	Mr. Pierre du Plessis	Namibia
Africa	Mr. Samson Gwali	Uganda
Africa	Mr. Benson Mburu Kinyagia	Kenya
Africa	Mr. Ben Durham	South Africa
Asia and the Pacific	Mr. Hitoshi Kozaki	Japan
Asia and the Pacific	Mr. Fu Wei Zhao	China
Asia and the Pacific	Mr. Won Seog Park	Republic of Korea
CEE	Ms. Zlata Grabovac	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CEE	Ms. Elzbieta Martyniuk	Poland
CEE	Ms. Dasa Majcen	Slovenia
CEE	Ms. Galina Mozgova	Belarus
CEE	Ms. Eliška Rolfová	Czech Republic
WEOG	Mr. Hugo-Maria Schally	European Union
WEOG	Mr. Thomas Greiber	Germany
WEOG	Mr. Guillaume Faure	France
WEOG	Ms. Katie Beckett	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
WEOG	Mr. Min Hahn	Switzerland
WEOG	Ms. Kathlyn Scholl	United States of America
GRULAC	Ms. Melania Muñoz	Costa Rica
GRULAC	Mr. Esteban Neira	Colombia
GRULAC	Mr. Diego Pacheco	Bolivia
GRULAC	Ms. Aide Jimenez	Mexico
GRULAC	Ms. Patricia Gadaleta	Argentina
GRULAC	Mr. Carlos Rollemberg	Brazil
IPLC	Ms. Faith Nataya	Africa
IPLC	Mr. John Locke	Pacific
IPLC	Ms. Polina Shulbaeva	Central and Eastern Europe
IPLC	Ms. María Yolanda Terán Maigua	Central and South America and the Caribbean
IPLC	Mr. Preston Dana Hardison	North America
IPLC	Ms. Jennifer Corpuz	Asia

