



NOTIFICATION

Call for nominations for the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision 15/8, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish an informal advisory group on technical and scientific cooperation to provide strategic advice on practical measures, tools and opportunities to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation. The terms of reference of the informal advisory group are provided in annex III to decision [15/8](#).

I therefore invite Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to nominate experts to be considered to serve on the informal advisory group. Members will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) At least five years of working experience on technical and scientific issues related to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and/or other relevant international agreements and processes;
- (b) Expertise relevant to technical and scientific cooperation, capacity-building and development, and knowledge management and the clearing-house mechanism or similar online information-sharing platforms; and
- (c) Demonstrated experience with regional or international cooperation processes and programmes related to biodiversity and/or the environment.

The nominations should be in the form of a signed official letter, containing the name and full contact information of the nominated member. The nominations should also include the *curriculum vitae* (CV) indicating pertinent expertise. The nomination letter and CV should be addressed to the Executive Secretary and sent to the Secretariat by e-mail (secretariat@cbd.int) as soon as possible **but no later than 15 March 2023**. In line with decision [14/33](#), nominees are also required to complete the interest disclosure form.¹

Based on the nominations received, the Executive Secretary will select members of the IAG on the basis of their expertise and experience, and the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Executive Secretary

¹ Available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/forms/conflict-interest-form-en.pdf>

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

