



NOTIFICATION
Composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification [2023-034](#) issued on 27 March 2023, nominations were received with a view to constituting the membership in the multidisciplinary ad hoc technical expert group on synthetic biology (AHTEG) established by the Conference of the Parties, in its [decision 15/31](#), to support the process for broad and regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessment, in accordance with the terms of reference annexed to the decision. The selection of members has now been concluded in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, taking into account their relevant expertise and experience, as well as gender balance and equitable geographical representation and following the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest as set out in the annex to [decision 14/33](#).

I am, therefore, pleased to announce the composition of the multidisciplinary AHTEG attached herewith.

With the generous financial support of the European Union, a meeting of the multidisciplinary AHTEG will be convened in Montreal, Canada from 11 to 14 July 2023. Further information and documents for the meeting will be made available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SYNBIO-AHTEG-2023-01>.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities
cc: SBSTTA national focal points, Cartagena Protocol national focal points



Annex

Composition of the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology

PARTIES

REGION	COUNTRY	EXPERT
Africa	Burkina Faso	1. Mr. Nicolas Barro
	Burundi	2. Mr. Frédéric Ngezahayo
	Egypt	3. Mr. Ossama AbdelKawy
	Zimbabwe	4. Ms. Natasha Robertha Mavengere
Asia and Pacific	China	5. Mr. Weiwen Zhang
	Philippines	6. Ms. Eizadora T. Yu
	Pakistan	7. Mr. Zabta Khan Shinwari
	Republic of Korea	8. Mr. Bong Hyun Sung
Central and Eastern Europe	Belarus	9. Ms. Galina Mozgova
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10. Ms. Dragana Šnjegota
	Lithuania	11. Mr. Florian Rabitz
	Slovenia	12. Mr. Martin Batič
Western European and Others Group	Canada	13. Mr. Ian Siboo
	European Union	14. Ms. Kathleen Lehmann
	Germany	15. Ms. Margret Engelhard
	Israel	16. Ms. Ronit Justo-Hanani
Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries	Antigua and Barbuda	17. Ms. Kishma Primus-Ormond
	Brazil	18. Mr. Isaque Medeiros Siqueira
	Colombia	19. Ms. Carolina Villafañe Palau
	Ecuador	20. Mr. Francisco Javier Flores

OTHER GOVERNMENTS

COUNTRY	EXPERT
United States of America	1. Ms. Jennifer Shinen

ORGANIZATIONS

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	1. Mr. Chikelu Mba
World Intellectual Property Organization	2. Mr. Shakeel Thomas Bhatti
International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology	3. Ms. Wendy Craig
Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales	4. Ms. Cicilia Githaiga
Global Industry Coalition	5. Ms. Felicity Keiper
J. Craig Venter Institute	6. Mr. Robert Friedman
University of Melbourne	7. Ms. Tiffany Kosch
Federation of German Scientists	8. Ms. Ricarda Steinbrecher
Third World Network	9. Ms. Eva Sirinathsinghi
Friends of the Earth U.S.	10. Mr. Jim Thomas
Global Youth Biodiversity Network	11. Mr. Joel Andrés Rojas González
Global Youth Online Union (G-YOU)	12. Mr. Markus Schmidt
SynBio Africa	13. Mr. Geoffrey Otim
Save Our Seeds (Foundation of Future Farming)	14. Ms. Barbara Couto Pilz

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

ORGANIZATION	EXPERT
International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity	1. Ms. Maria Yolanda Teran Maigua
Indigenous Genomics Institute	2. Mr. Karaitiana Taiuru
