



NOTIFICATION
Composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification [2023-059](#) issued on 26 May 2023, nominations were received with a view to constituting the membership in the ad hoc technical expert group on risk assessment (AHTEG) established by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, in its [decision CP-10/10](#). The AHTEG is mandated to develop additional voluntary guidance materials for conducting case-by-case risk assessments of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives in accordance with Annex III to the Protocol, analyze the information submitted by Parties, and prepare a report, including draft additional voluntary guidance materials on living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives and a list of prioritized topics on which further guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed, 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 AHTEG attached herewith.

A meeting of the AHTEG will be convened from 1 to 3 November 2023 in Montreal, Canada. With the generous financial support of the European Union, representatives from indigenous peoples and local communities and experts from eligible Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will receive financial assistance to cover the cost of travel and a daily subsistence allowance.

Further information and documents for the meeting will be made available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CP-RA-AHTEG-2023-01> in due course.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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



Annex

Composition of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment

PARTIES

REGION	COUNTRY	EXPERT
Africa	Burkina Faso	1. Mr. Wend-Rabo Mathurin Rouamba
	Malawi	2. Ms. Lilian Chimphepo
	Nigeria	3. Ms. Josephine Ejile Amedu
	Tunisia	4. Ms. Raja Chalghoumi
Asia and Pacific	Cambodia	5. Mr. Monyrak Meng
	China	6. Mr. Bao-Rong Lu
	Malaysia	7. Ms. Kumitaa Theva Das
	Philippines	8. Ms. Barbara L Caoili
Central and Eastern Europe	Belarus	9. Ms. Galina Mozgova
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10. Ms. Adaleta Durmic-Pasic
	Republic of Moldova	11. Ms. Angela Lozan
	Slovenia	12. Ms. Ruth Rupreht
Western European and Others Group	European Union	13. Mr. Yann Devos
	Finland	14. Ms. Marja Ruohonen-Lehto
	France	15. Mr. Christophe Boëte
	Germany	16. Mr. Werner Schenkel
Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries	Brazil	17. Ms. Luciana Ambrozevicius
	Colombia	18. Mr. Gabriel Mutis Namur
	Cuba	19. Ms. Marvis Esther Suárez Romero
	Ecuador	20. Ms. Maria de Lourdes Torres

OTHER GOVERNMENTS

COUNTRY	EXPERT
United States of America	1. Ms. Kayla Knilans

ORGANIZATIONS

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CSIRO Data61	1. Mr. Keith Hayes
European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility	2. Mr. Nicolas Defarge
Federation of German Scientists	3. Ms. Ricarda Steinbrecher
Foundation for the National Institutes of Health	4. Ms. Brinda Dass
Global Industry Coalition	5. Ms. Felicity Keiper
Imperial College London	6. Mr. John Connolly
Third World Network	7. Ms. Eva Sirinathsinghji

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

ORGANIZATION	EXPERT
Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal	1. Mr. Kamal Kumar Rai
