

NOTIFICATION

Call for nominations for the Advisory Selection Committee for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to invite indigenous peoples and local communities to nominate new members of the Advisory Selection Committee of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention (VB Fund).

Pursuant to decision [VIII/5](#), in the selection of beneficiaries as per the criteria for selection provided in Section B of the Annex to the decision, the Executive Secretary will consult, through electronic means and long-distance communication, with the Advisory Selection Committee, as well as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

The Advisory Selection Committee comprises seven representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, nominated by accredited indigenous peoples and local communities' organizations to the Convention, each representing one of the seven socio-cultural regions recognized by the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Members of the Advisory Selection Committee shall not be eligible to apply for funding from the VB Fund nor nominate members of their organizations to this Fund.

Nominations must be submitted through an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, including the CV of the nominee, and sent to the Secretariat by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int at your earliest convenience but no later than **22 July 2024**. Selection will be made based on relevant expertise and experience, and taking into account gender balance.

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

(signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, TK focal points, ABS focal points, indigenous peoples and local community organizations, and other relevant organizations