



NOTIFICATION

Update: Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to the notification [2025-119](#) of 23 September 2025, I am pleased to circulate herewith an updated list of members of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (annex).

The informal advisory committee was established by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP), in [decision NP-1/2](#), paragraph 2, to assist the Executive Secretary with the implementation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (ABS Clearing-House) and to provide technical guidance with respect to the resolution of technical and practical issues arising from the ongoing development of the ABS Clearing-House. The decision provides that the informal advisory committee (IAC) shall be composed of 15 experts, primarily from Parties, on the basis of nominations provided by Parties.

The Informal Advisory Committee has plans to hold three online sessions over the 2025-2026 intersessional period. Invitations and details of the online sessions will be shared with selected members in due time.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: ABS national focal points and CBD national focal points (where ABS focal points have not yet been designated), indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations

Annex

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African States

1. Ms. Aurélie Taylor Patience Dingom (Cameroon)*
2. Ms. Amare Seifu (Ethiopia)
3. Ms. Martha Mphatso Kalemba (Malawi)

Asia-Pacific States

4. Ms. Karma Dema Dorji (Bhutan)
5. Ms. Somphavanh Radavanh (Lao PDR)
6. Mr. Achuta Nand Shukla (India)

Eastern European States

7. Mr. Abdulla Diku (Albania)
8. Ms. Volha Malyshava (Belarus)**
9. Ms. Arina Maraš (Montenegro)

Latin America and Caribbean States

10. Ms. María Julieta Ansaldi (Argentina)
11. Mr. Isaque Medeiros Siqueira (Brazil)
12. Ms. Fiorella Debora Briceño Núñez (Peru)

Western European and other States

13. Mr. Abraham (Han) de Koeijer (Belgium)
14. Ms. Mara Grimminger (European Union)
15. Mr. Jens Freitag (Germany)

* Replacement for Cameroon

** Replacement for Belarus