



NOTIFICATION

Updated composition of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA-IAC)

Dear Sir or Madam,

Through its [decision VII/24](#), the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention established an Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) to provide guidance on the development and implementation of the programme of work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA). The mandate of the CEPA-IAC was further strengthened by [decision 16/10](#), which requests the Secretariat to implement, in consultation with the CEPA-IAC, the suggested actions to align the programme of work on CEPA with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).

In this connection, through [notification 2025-147](#), a call for nominations was made for participation to the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness for the biennium 2026–2027. In response to this invitation, a total of 47 nominations were received, including 23 from Parties and 24 from observers, which comprised representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, international and regional organizations, and academic and scientific institutions, women and youth. From these nominations, 26 members were selected, including 15 members from Parties and 11 members from observers, based on their expertise and experience, while ensuring equitable geographic representation and gender balance. A slightly lower number of members was selected from the Eastern European States due to the limited number of nominations received from this region.

Further to [notification 2026-037](#) that was issued on 1 April 2026, and through subsequent clarification on nomination information, an updated composition of the CEPA-IAC for the biennium 2026-2027 is being provided herewith in the Annex. In line with decision [16/10](#), the CEPA-IAC will provide advice to the Executive Secretary on strategic approaches, themes, and background materials to support Parties, relevant organizations, and indigenous peoples and local communities in implementing CEPA actions aligned with the KMGBF.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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



ANNEX

**COMPOSITION OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA-IAC) 2026-2027**

PARTIES (BY REGION)	
AFRICAN STATES¹	
1. Malawi	Mr. Boniface Chimwaza
2. Morocco	Ms. Dalal Afa
3. Seychelles	Ms. Jeannette Larue
4. Tunisia	Mr. Hatem Ben Belgacem
ASIA-PACIFIC STATES²	
5. China	Ms. Zhang Dini
6. Japan	Mr. Teppei Dohke
7. State of Palestine	Mr. Saed Abu Tarboush
EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES³	
8. Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ms. Belma Nahic
9. Russian Federation	Ms. Oxana Klimanova
LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES	
10. Argentina	Ms. María Sol Azcona
11. Brazil	Ms. Fernanda Santana de Oliveira
12. Peru	Ms. Juana Pujaico
WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES	
13. Canada	Ms. Maya-Olivia Eyssen-Dhillon
14. France	Ms. Nathalie Morata
15. Belgium	Mr. Pierre Huybrechts
OBSERVERS (NOMINATED BY)	
1. ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	Ms. Pamela Quintos-Reblora
2. Australian Land Conservation Alliance	Ms. Monica Haynes
3. Canadian Wildlife Federation	Mr. Sean Southey
4. Commission for Environmental Cooperation	Ms. Georgina O’Farrill
5. Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN)/CBD Women’s Caucus	Ms. Fatima El-aaraby
6. Global Youth Biodiversity Network	Ms. Aurora Gómez Espinoza
7. Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC)	Mr. Mohamed Handaine
8. International Organization for Standardization	Ms. Nicole Vargas
9. IUCN Commission on Education and Communication	Ms. Katalin Czippán
10. Local Governments for Sustainability	Ms. Thea Lamarque
11. UNEP-WCMC	Ms. Han Meng

¹ Updates were made to the list of selected members through further clarification on the nomination information

² Updates were made to the list of selected members through further clarification on the nomination information

³ Only two nominations were submitted from this region