

NOTIFICATION

**Selected representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to receive funding for their participation in the Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols
19 to 30 October 2026 - Yerevan, Armenia**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notification [2026-041](#) on the Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, I am pleased to inform you that, after due consideration of all applications received by the Advisory Selection Committee of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism, and in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the selection of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities who will receive support for their participation in the above-mentioned meetings has been finalized.

Please find attached, for your information, the list of selected beneficiaries. The beneficiaries will be contacted directly by the Secretariat regarding their travel arrangements.

The selection was carried out in accordance with the criteria for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism, as set out in the annex to decision VIII/5 D, and in accordance with the selection criteria established in section B of the same annex.

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, TK focal points, indigenous peoples and local community organizations, and relevant organizations

Annex

Representatives from indigenous peoples and local communities selected to receive funding for their participation in the Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols¹

Africa

1. Ms. Lucy Mullenkei
2. Mr. Ndiaga Sall
3. Mr. Mohamed Handaine
4. Ms. Daisy Chepkopus

Asia

5. Ms. Alice Mathew
6. Ms. Abigail Kitma
7. Mr. Kamal Kumar Rai
8. Ms. Jennifer Corpuz

Central and South America and the Caribbean

9. Ms. Viviana Figueroa
10. Mr. Ramiro Batzin
11. Ms. Florina Lopez
12. Mr. Rodrigo De la Cruz

Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia

13. Ms. Natalia Kolobova
14. Mr. Vasilii Nemechkin
15. Mr. Aleksei Tsykarev

North America

16. Ms. Rochelle Diver
17. Mr. Jean Charles Pietacho
18. Ms. June Lynne Lorenzo

The Arctic²

19. Mr. Eirik Larsen

The Pacific

20. Ms. Miria Caddie-Koia
21. Ms. Christine Teresa Grant
22. Mr. Allen John Locke

¹ The numbers of beneficiaries depend on the amount of financial resources available in the Voluntary Fund. For COP 17 and the concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, the Voluntary Fund is able to support four representatives from Africa, Asia, and Central and South America and the Caribbean, in accordance with the selection criteria outlined in COP decision VIII/5 D Annex, which gives special priority to participants from indigenous peoples and local communities from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and small island developing States, but not excluding applicants in developed countries, and taking into account gender balance to recognize the special role of women from indigenous peoples and local communities.

² Only one application was received for the Arctic region.