



## NOTIFICATION

### Operationalization of the Cali Fund for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources: Composition of the Steering Committee

Dear Sir or Madam,

As set out in the annex to [decision 16/2](#), a steering committee is established to support the Conference of the Parties in its role as the governing body of the mechanism for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including the Cali Fund (paragraph 28).

Through notifications [2024-113](#) and [2025-013](#) issued in December 2024 and February 2025 respectively, National Focal Points, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations were invited to submit nominations for the steering committee. The Secretariat received a total of 95 nominations composed of 46 individuals nominated by 37 Parties, 16 nominated by indigenous peoples and local communities' groups, and 32 by observers (11 from the scientific community, 6 from the private sector, 14 from civil society, 1 from an additional UN organization).

As per the terms of reference for the Steering Committee as set out in Enclosure IV of decision 16/2, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, selected fifteen members from Parties (three from each region), six members from indigenous peoples and local communities (one from each of the six sociocultural regions, one region did not send a nomination), and six observers (two each from civil society, scientific institutions and the private sector respectively) based on relevant experience, as well with due regard for gender balance. For regions which nominated four or more individuals, one additional nominee was selected as an alternate in the event that a principal member from their region is not available for a meeting of the Steering Committee.

Further information will be sent to the selected individuals in the coming days. The Steering Committee is expected to meet twice in 2025, once virtually during the second quarter of the year, and once in person later in the year. Two meetings are expected in 2026.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

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

**STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE MULTILATERAL MECHANISM FOR THE FAIR AND  
EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS FROM THE USE OF DIGITAL SEQUENCE  
INFORMATION ON GENETIC RESOURCES, INCLUDING A GLOBAL FUND (“THE CALI  
FUND”)**

**LIST OF SELECTED MEMBERS FROM PARTIES**

<b>#</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Selected</b>
<i>African States</i>			
1		Burkina Faso	Mr. Daogo Ouoba
2		Malawi	Ms. Mphatso Kalemba-Msukwa
3		Zimbabwe	Mr. Desire Nemashakwe
		Egypt (Alternate)	Mr. Ossama AbdelKawy
<i>Asia-Pacific States</i>			
4		China	Mr. Yujun Zhang
5		Japan	Mr. Masatoshi Kobayashi
6		Jordan	Mr. Bilal Qteshat
		Malaysia (Alternate)	Mr. Siva Kumar
<i>Eastern European States</i>			
7		Armenia	Mr. Aram Meymaryan
8		Czechia	Ms. Eliška Rolfova
9		Lithuania	Mr. Florian Rabitz
<i>Latin American and Caribbean States</i>			
10		Antigua and Barbuda	Ms. Nneka Nicholas
11		Brazil	Mr. Patrick Luna
12		Chile	Mr. Eduardo Silva Besa
		Argentina (Alternate)	Ms. Corina Sarli
<i>Western European and Other States</i>			
13		Australia	Ms. Melissa Cotterill
14		Germany	Ms. Inka Gnittke
15		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. William Lockhart
		European Union (Alternate)	Ms. Mery Ciacci

## LIST OF SELECTED MEMBERS FROM INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

#	<i>Socio-Cultural Region<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Selected</i>
16	Africa	Mr. Daniel Mabengo
17	Asia	Ms. June Rubis
18	Central and South America and the Caribbean	Ms. Yolanda Terán
19	Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia	Mr. Aleksei Tsykarev
20	North America	Mr. Kyle Vermette
21	The Pacific	Mr. Manu Caddie

## UNITED NATIONS ENTITIES

22	United Nations Environment Programme/Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
23	United Nations Development Programme

## LIST OF SELECTED OBSERVERS

#	<i>Group</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Selected</i>
<i>Civil Society</i>			
1		Finance for Biodiversity	Ms. Anita de Horde
2		Third World Network	Mr. Nithin Ramakrishnan <sup>2</sup>
<i>Scientific Institutions</i>			
3		Synbio Africa	Ms. Bupe Mwambingu
4		Leibniz Institute DSMZ	Ms. Amber Hartman Scholz <sup>3</sup>
<i>Private Sector</i>			
5		International Chamber of Commerce	Ms. Daphne Yong-d'Hervé
6		Personal Care Products Council	Mr. Bart Van Vooren <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No nomination was received from the Arctic socio-cultural region.

<sup>2</sup> Also endorsed by: NGO Major Group and CBD Alliance.

<sup>3</sup> Also endorsed by: DSI Scientific Network, Global Biodata Coalition, Global Genome Biodiversity Network, Working group on Access and Benefit sharing of the German Research Foundation Nagoya Protocol Hub.

<sup>4</sup> Also endorsed by: Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Higiene Pessoal, Perfumaria e Cosméticos, Consejo de las Asociaciones de la Industria Cosmética Latinoamericana, Cosmetics Alliance Canada, Cosmetics Europe, Koren Cosmetic Association, Organisation de la Fédération des Entreprises de la Beauté, Industrieverband Körperpflege- und Waschmittel.