

NOTIFICATION**Nominations for the sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol was established in [decision NP-1/8](#) by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP).

The Informal Advisory Committee consists of fifteen experts selected by the Executive Secretary on the basis of nominations received from Parties to the Nagoya Protocol with due regard to equitable geographic representation and gender balance. The Committee also includes representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations.

At its fifth meeting, in [decision NP/5-3](#), the COP-MOP decided to:

- (a) Extend the mandate of the Informal Advisory Committee until the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;
- (b) Expand the mandate to include the provision of advice on issues more generally related to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, including, as necessary, advice on issues related to awareness-raising, assessment and review under the Protocol, with flexibility to adapt its tasks as needed; and
- (c) Keep an expanded membership, with relevant expertise, and to include representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, the business sector, the research community and relevant organizations.

Furthermore, in [decision NP-5/5](#), the COP-MOP requested the Informal Advisory Committee and the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol, working in a complementary and non-duplicative manner, to contribute to the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and to submit their conclusions for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, the business sector, the research community and relevant organizations to nominate experts to participate in the Informal Advisory Committee.

Nominations should be submitted in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and signed by the Access and Benefit-sharing National Focal Point, or the Head of the organization, together with the completed nomination form available at: (<https://forms.office.com/e/KKJQ1HuknR>) and the curriculum vitae of the nominee. In line with [decision 14/33](#), nominees are also required to complete and send the interest disclosure form available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/forms/conflict-interest-form-en.pdf>. Nominations should be sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but no later than **30 June 2025**.

Kindly note that the sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee will take place next year from 1 to 4 of June 2026, in Montreal, Canada.

I thank you for your kind cooperation and continued support for the work of the Nagoya Protocol.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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