



NOTIFICATION

Advisory Selection Committee for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Dear Sir or Madam,

[Decision VIII/5](#) provides that, in the selection of beneficiaries for the Voluntary Trust Fund, to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Fund), the Executive Secretary will consult with an Advisory Selection Committee consisting of seven representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities nominated from the seven geo-cultural regions applied under the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, as well as with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

With reference to notification [2024-071](#), in which the Secretariat invited accredited organizations of indigenous peoples and local communities to nominate new members of the Advisory Selection Committee of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism, the Secretariat is pleased to inform you that the selection process of members of the Advisory Selection Committee has concluded. The selection was made in line with the selection criteria set out in Section B of the Annex to decision VIII/5. The list of members of the Advisory Selection Committee is attached for your information.

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

(signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, TK focal points, ABS focal points, indigenous peoples and local community organizations, and other relevant organizations

Annex I

Composition of the Advisory Selection Committee for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Fund)

Africa

Mr. Daniel Kobei

Asia

Mr. Kittisak Rattanakrajangsi

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

Ms. Irina Kurilova

Central and South America and the Caribbean

Ms. Faustina Alvarenga

North America

Ms. Kuni Albert

The Arctic

Mr. John Cheechoo

The Pacific

Ms. Liz Wren