



## NOTIFICATION

**Selected representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to receive funding for their participation in the resumed sessions of the Sixteenth 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**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to notification [2024-110](#) on the resumed sessions of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16), the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 11), and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (COP-MOP 5), scheduled to be held concurrently from 25 to 27 February 2025 in Rome, Italy, 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 with regard to 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 resumed sessions of the Sixteenth 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 <sup>1</sup>**

#### **Africa**

1. Ms. Lucy Mullenkei
2. Mr. Ndiaga Sall

#### **Asia**

3. Ms. Abigail Kitma
4. Mr. Kamal Rai

#### **Central and South America and the Caribbean**

5. Mr. Rodrigo de la Cruz
6. Ms. Viviana Figueroa

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

7. Ms. Polina Shulbaeva

#### **North America**

No applications were received

#### **The Arctic**

No applications were received

#### **The Pacific**

No applications were received

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<sup>1</sup> The numbers of beneficiaries depend on the amount of financial resources available in the Voluntary Fund. For the resumed sessions of COP 16, COP-MOP 11 and COP-MOP 5, the Voluntary Fund is able to support two 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.