

NOTIFICATION

Operationalization of the Cali Fund for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources: Extension of deadline for nominations to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Allocation Methodology

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference is made to notification [2024-113](#) issued on 10 December 2024, in which Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations were invited to nominate experts to serve in the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Allocation Methodology. I would like to thank those who have submitted nominations, invite others to do so as soon as possible and, hereby, extend the deadline for the submission of nominations to **28 March 2025**.

Nominees should be identified bearing in mind the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Allocation Methodology set out in Enclosure III of the Annex to decision 16/2. Nominations should be made through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, clearly indicating the name and full contact details of each nominee, as well as a curriculum vitae that demonstrates their area of expertise and experience, to be sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible. In line with decisions 14/33 and 16/26, nominees are also required to complete the interest disclosure form¹.

As set out in the modalities (annex to decision 16/2, paragraph 19 and Enclosures II and III), monies from the Cali Fund will be allocated taking into account an indicative list of criteria. A formula is to be determined by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting on the basis of these criteria and the work of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group. The group will comprise technical experts, as follows: 15 nominated by Parties, three from each region, 7 nominated by representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities from the seven sociocultural regions, and 4 nominated by relevant organizations.

The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, will select experts on the basis of nominations received, taking gender and the relevant technical expertise of the candidates into account and applying the procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

¹ <https://www.cbd.int/doc/forms/conflict-interest-form-2024-en.pdf.docx>

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