

NOTIFICATION

Selected representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to receive funding for their participation in the twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources

Dear Sir or Madam,

In connection with the Twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (WG8J-12) and the First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources (WGDSI-1), which will be held from 12 to 16 November and from 14 to 18 November 2023, respectively, in Geneva, Switzerland, I am pleased to inform you that, after due consideration of all applications by the Advisory Selection Committee, 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 completed.

Please find attached the list of selected beneficiaries, for your information. The selected beneficiaries will be contacted directly by the Secretariat with regard to their travel arrangements. Additionally, subject to the availability of extra funds, additional beneficiaries may receive support.

The selection was carried out in accordance with the criteria for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention, 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) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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



Annex

Selected representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to receive funding for their participation in the Twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and/or the First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources ¹

(*Those to receive full funding for participation in both WG8J-12 and WGDSI-1)

Africa

1. Ms. Lucy Mulenkei*
2. Mr. Ndiaga Sall
3. Ms. Adija Adamu
4. Mr. Gladman Chibememe*
5. Mr. Mohamed Handaine

Asia

6. Mr. Lakpa Nuri Sherpa *
7. Ms. Abigail Kitma *
8. Mr. Kamal Kumar Rai
9. Mr. Gordon John Thomas
10. Ms. Alice Mathew

Central and South America and the Caribbean

11. Ms. Edith Magnolia Bastidas Calderon *
12. Mr. Ramiro Batzin Chojoj
13. Ms. Viviana Figueroa
14. Ms. Florina Lopez
15. Mr. Santiago Obispo *

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

16. Ms. Tatiana Degai
17. Mr. Viacheslav Shadrin
18. Ms. Polina Shulbaeva*

North America²

19. Mr. Kenneth Deer
20. Mr. Aaron Jones*

The Arctic³

21. Mr. Aslak Holmberg*

The Pacific

22. Ms. Christine Grant
23. Mr. John Allan Locke*
24. Mr. Tibau Stanley Lui
25. Ms. Katie Lee Riddle

¹ The numbers of beneficiaries depend on the amount of financial resources available in the Voluntary Fund Mechanism. It is able to support five representatives from Africa, Asia and from Central and South America and the Caribbean, in accordance with the criteria of selection (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 from indigenous and local communities in developed countries, and taking into account gender balance to recognize the special role of women from indigenous peoples and local communities.

² Only two applications were received for the North American Region

³ Only one application was received for the Arctic Region