

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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SPONSORED DELEGATES PROJECT

1. This information document has been prepared by the Secretariat in relation to Agenda Item 7.6 on the Sponsored Delegates Project.
2. The following is a summary of additional information that has become available since the preparation of document CoP19 Doc. 7.6.

Financial support for the Sponsored Delegates Project

3. The Secretariat is grateful for the generous support of donors. Below is the status of the CoP19 Sponsored Delegates Project as at 11 November 2022.

Party/ Organization	Amount pledged	Amount deposited (USD)
Australia	USD 25,000	25,000
Austria	EUR 5,000	5,555
Belgium	EUR 15,000	16,704
Canada	CAD 31,500	23,540
China	USD 20,000	20,000
European Union	USD 100,000	100,000
Finland	EUR 17,000	17,065
Germany	EUR 75,000	77,061
Netherlands	EUR 30,000	30,134
Norway	NOK 500,000	55,442
Slovakia	EUR 10,000	11,668
Sweden	SEK 400,000	40,795
Switzerland	CHF 30,000	31,433
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	USD 50,000	50,000
United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USNOAA)	USD 50,000	50,000
AAGE V. Jensen Charity Foundation	USD 10,000	9,968
Opes Oceani Foundation	USD 5,000	5,000
TOTAL		569,364

Provision of support under the Sponsored Delegates Project

4. The selection criteria are based on the following:
 - Human Development Index (HDI) ranking from highest to lowest
 - Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and/or Small Island Development States (SIDS)
 - Parties with less than six delegates at the previous meeting of the Conference of the Parties
 - Standing Committee member
 - Being on the agenda for SC75 (compliance matters, Article XIII and NIAP)
 - Submission of an amendment proposal for CoP19

5. One-hundred-one Party delegates from 67 Parties were funded by the Sponsored Delegates Project to attend CoP19, of which 97 Party delegates were fully funded and four Party delegates partially funded, as shown in Annex 1 to this document. Twenty-four per cent of the Party delegates funded are female. All Parties that have sponsored delegates have had their credentials accepted, except for Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda and Somalia.

Funding received by delegates to attend CoP19 outside the Sponsored Delegates Project

6. In addition to the 101 delegates supported under the SPD, the CITES Secretariat provided support to seventeen participants in Panama to also attend the 4th Global Meeting of the Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WENs), convened by the CITES Secretariat on behalf of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), with the generous support of the United States of America. See the table below:

Party	Name of CITES Project/Programme	Number of delegates
Bahamas	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
Central African Republic	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
Congo	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
Djibouti	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
Honduras	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	3
Malaysia	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
Nepal	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
Peru	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	3
Somalia	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
South Africa	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
Thailand	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	1
Viet Nam	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	2

7. To facilitate the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.3, operational paragraphs 9 and 10, the Secretariat issued Notification 2022/074 to the Parties on 18 October 2022 requesting Parties and other stakeholders to inform the Secretariat of any funding they have provided or received outside of the Sponsored Delegates Project for delegates to attend CoP19.

8. The following is the list of Parties who received support outside the Sponsored Delegates Project as at 23 November 2022.

Delegates supported through external funding (in response to Notification 2022/074)

Beneficiary Party	Source of funding	Number of delegates
Ethiopia	Frankfurt Zoological Society	1
Fiji	External	2
Lao PDR	Integrated Conservation of Biodiversity and Forest Project (ICBF)	1
	Lao Landscape and Livelihood Project (LLL)	2
	Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)	2
	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)	1
Malawi	International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)	1 (Partial)
Saint Lucia	IWMC World Conservation Trust	1
Tunisia	External	1
Uganda	International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)	1

Administration of the Sponsored Delegates Project

9. Administration of the Sponsored Delegates Project is done by the Secretariat. This include the following activities:
- Preparation and send out of invitation letter for nominations;
 - Review of sponsored participant's requests;
 - Fund-raising for the Sponsored Delegates Project;
 - Process of travel arrangements for all sponsored delegates;
 - Ticket issued for all sponsored delegates;
 - Payment of DSA to be made through individual cash cards issued at the meeting venue;
 - Consultation with UNEP on waiving programme support costs;
 - Process of expense reports for the sponsored delegates after completion of the meeting; Reporting to donors.
10. The Secretariat would like to note that for CoP19, the SPD has presented additional challenges and administration, due to last-minute changes and cancellation by delegates, flight cancellations and visa issues, including for transit.

Annex I: Party delegates funded by the CoP19 Sponsored Delegates Project

Party	HDI ⁱ	Number
Angola	148	1
Bangladesh	133	2
Belize	110	1
Benin	158	1
Bhutan	129	2
Bolivia	107	1
Botswana	100	1
Brazil	84	1
Burkina Faso	182	2
Burundi	185	2
Cambodia	144	2
Cameroon	153	1
Central African Republic	188	2
Comoros	156	2
Congo	149	1
Côte d'Ivoire	170	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo	175	1
Dominican Republic	88	2
Ecuador	86	1
El Salvador	124	1
Equatorial Guinea	145	1
Eritrea	180	2
Gabon	119	1
Gambia	172	1
Guatemala	127	1
Guinea	178	2
Guinea-Bissau	177	1 full 1 partial
Guyana	122	1
Honduras	132	2
Indonesia	107	1 partial
Jamaica	101	2
Jordan	102	1
Lao People's Democratic Republic	137	2
Lesotho	159	1
Liberia	175	2

Party	HDI	Number
Madagascar	164	1
Malawi	174	1
Maldives	95	1
Mali	184	1
Mauritania	157	2
Namibia	130	2
Nicaragua	128	1
Niger	189	2
Nigeria	161	2
Papua New Guinea	155	2
Paraguay	103	1
Peru	79	2
Philippines	107	1
Rwanda	160	2
Samoa	111	2
Senegal	168	1
Seychelles	67	1
Sierra Leone	182	2
Solomon Islands	151	2
Somalia	N/A	2
Sri Lanka	76	1 partial
Sudan	167	2
Suriname	97	1
Syrian Arab Republic	151	2
Tajikistan	127	1
United Republic of Tanzania	163	1 full 1 partial
Togo	167	2
Tonga	104	2
Ukraine	74	2
Vanuatu	140	2
Venezuela	113	1
Yemen	179	2

ⁱ Based on the 2019 Human Development Index, published in December 2020.