



TWENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE  
Geneva, (Switzerland), 22 and 24 - 27 July 2017

**Procedure for the admission of observers from organizations and  
the private sector to meetings of the Plants Committee**

Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and private sector entities that wish to be represented at meetings of the Plants Committee (PC) should fill in the *Invitation request for organizations and the private sector* form attached and send it to the Secretariat for clearance by the PC Chair, together with all necessary information, depending on which category their representative falls into (see details below). The PC Chair will send a personal invitation to the selected candidates.

Please note that invitations are personal and organizations and private sector entities are encouraged to limit the number of participants as much as possible.

**Categories**

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**1. Representatives of an organization that was invited to attend one of the previous two PC meetings and that hasn't changed its by-laws since PC21 (see list of previous observers attached)**

They must send a letter of credentials signed by the Head of their organization to the Secretariat for clearance by the Chair, confirming the name(s) and title(s) of the observers representing that organization.

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**2. Representatives of an organization that was not invited to attend one of the previous two PC meetings**

They must send the by-laws of their organization, as well as information about the goals and the activities of this organization (mission statement) that are relevant to CITES (sustainable use and conservation of natural resources). They must also send a *curriculum vitae* or information about their personal knowledge and expertise in science, nature conservation, or trade in and sustainable use of CITES species.

Furthermore, they must indicate to which agenda items they intend to contribute based on their expertise and knowledge, or give specific reasons why they would like to attend the forthcoming PC meeting.

**List of organizations that were invited to attend  
the 21st and 22nd meetings of the Plants Committee**  
*(in alphabetical order)*

American Herbal Products Association  
Center for International Environmental Law  
Environmental Investigation Agency  
EUROMED S.A.  
Forum for Nature Protection  
FTS Botanics  
Global Eye  
INDENA  
Indonesian Agarwood Association  
International Fragrance Association  
ITTO – International Tropical Timber Organization  
IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature  
Ligue nationale des exploitants de la faune et flore  
Società Botanica Italiana ONLUS  
Species Survival Network  
SWAN International  
TRAFFIC  
World Resources Institute  
WWF