



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2021/032

Geneva, 12 April 2021

CONCERNING:

Changes in staff of the Secretariat

1. Changes in the staff of the CITES Secretariat has taken place and this Notification is provided as an update for the information of the Parties. Some recruitment processes and onboarding were delayed due to the global pandemic impacts.
2. The new Secretariat staff, along with staff having a new position or status, are listed as follows:

Rachel Mwangi, Finance & Budget Assistant, MIKE team

Ms. Rachel Mwangi was selected and appointed on this project position located in Nairobi following the UN selection and process and she assumed the position effective 1 November 2020. Prior to this appointment she was serving as Finance Assistant with the UN Office at Nairobi (UNON). Ms. Mwangi is a national of Kenya.

Irene Ngigi, Programme Management Assistant

Ms. Irene Ngigi was selected and appointed on this position with the Administrative and Finance Unit following the UN selection process and assumed the CoP18-approved core funded position effective 11 May 2020. Prior to taking up this position, Ms. Ngigi was serving as Programme Management Assistant with UNEP/Environment Management Group (EMG) in Geneva. Ms. Ngigi is a national of Kenya.

Duviel Lopez Fajardo, Temporary Meeting Services and Conference Assistant

Following the early retirement of Ms. Nadia Berny, Mr. Duviel Lopez Fajardo was selected on the temporary position with the Governing Bodies Unit while the long-term position recruitment was in process. Mr. Lopez Fajardo held the temporary position from 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021. Mr. Lopez Fajardo is a national of Cuba.

Fabrizio Trezza, Meeting Services and Conferences Assistant

Mr. Fabrizio Trezza has been selected for this core funded position with the Governing Bodies Unit following the UN selection process and will assume the position in May 2021. The effective date will be communicated, when known. Prior to this appointment, he was serving as Meeting Services Assistant with UN/Department for Political Affairs (DPA) in New York. Mr. Trezza is a national of Italy.

Constant Ndjassi, Programme Management Officer, MIKE team

Mr. Constant Ndjassi was selected and appointed on this project post located in Nairobi following the UN selection process and assumed the position effective 1 February 2021. Prior to this appointment, he was coordinating field conservation activities as part of Fauna & Flora International in Liberia and working with the Zoological Society of London in Cameroon supporting wildlife monitoring. Mr. Ndjassi is a national of Cameroon.

Hyeong Jeong Kim, Associate Programme Management Officer

Ms. Hyeong Jeong Kim was selected and appointed for this CoP18-approved core funded position with the Science Unit following the UN selection process and assumed the position effective 13 March 2021. She has a background in conservation biology and has experience working in field laboratory with many species. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Washington, USA. Ms. Kim is a national of South Korea.

3. A few other recruitment processes are ongoing, and the Secretariat will advise Parties of the consequent staff changes in due course.