



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/026

Geneva, 14 April 2022

CONCERNING:

Election of Regional Members of the Standing Committee and of Members of the Animals and Plants Committees

1. The selection of regional Members and alternate regional Members of the Standing Committee and of the Animals and Plants Committees takes place at regional meetings held during the regular meetings of the Conference of Parties. The selected Members and alternate Members are formally selected by the Conference of the Parties, which also appoints the nomenclature specialists of the Animals and Plants Committees.
2. A list of the current regional Members of the Standing Committee and of the Members of the Animals and Plants Committees is presented in the Annex to this Notification. The names of the Members whose term of office ends at the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of Parties (CoP19, to be held in Panama City, Panama from 14 to 25 November 2022) appear in italics.
3. It should be noted that, although the nomenclature specialists are not selected by the regions, they have been included in the table in the Annex, as where a vacancy exists, the process for seeking candidates applies to their positions as well.
4. The Conference of the Parties adopted guidelines regarding the membership of these committees and the process to be followed for the selection of the above-mentioned Members and alternate Members. These are contained in [Resolution Conf. 18.2 on Establishment of committees](#). Annex 1 to the Resolution contains the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committee and paragraphs 3 to 8 in Annex 1 address membership of the Standing Committee. Annex 2 of the Resolution contains the Terms of Reference of the Animals and Plants Committees and paragraphs 5 to 12 address the membership of the Committees.
5. Where vacancies exist, the candidatures for membership of these Committees should be submitted to the Secretariat by the Management Authority of the interested Parties at least 120 days before the meeting at which the elections are to take place, i.e., by **17 July 2022** for elections to take place during CoP19.
6. With regards to the candidatures for membership of the Animals and Plants Committees, as specified in Resolution Conf. 18.2, the proposing Party should confirm, at the time of nomination, that the candidate will be supported and that they will obtain the necessary means to undertake their activities.

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7. In terms of paragraph 8 of the Resolution, Parties proposing candidates as Members or alternate Members of the Animals and Plants Committee are requested to, together with the names and *curricula vitae*, provide a declaration of interest by the candidate which will be circulated to the Parties of the region concerned before the meeting of the Conference of the Parties at which the Members will be elected. The declaration of interest discloses any current financial interest that might call into question the proposed candidates' impartiality, objectivity or independence in carrying out his or her duties as a Member or alternate Member of the Committee.

Committee Members and alternate Members for election/re-election

STANDING COMMITTEE

Members and alternate Members whose term ends at the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are indicated in *italics*.

Member	Alternate
Africa	
– <i>Congo</i>	– <i>Chad</i>
– <i>Ethiopia</i>	– <i>Kenya</i>
– <i>Namibia</i>	– <i>Madagascar</i>
– <i>Morocco</i>	– <i>Senegal</i>
Asia	
– <i>China</i>	– <i>Japan</i>
– <i>Kuwait</i>	– <i>Republic Of Korea</i>
– <i>Indonesia</i>	– <i>Nepal</i>
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
– <i>Bahamas</i>	– <i>Dominican Republic</i>
– <i>Honduras</i>	– <i>Nicaragua</i>
– <i>Peru</i>	– <i>Brazil</i>
Europe	
– <i>Poland</i>	– <i>Ireland</i>
– <i>Israel</i>	– <i>Belarus</i>
– <i>Belgium</i>	– <i>Spain</i>
– <i>Russian Federation</i>	– <i>Georgia</i>
North America	
– <i>Canada</i>	– <i>United States of America</i>
Oceania	
– <i>New Zealand</i>	– <i>Australia</i>

ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Members and alternate Members whose term ends at the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are indicated in *italics*.

Member	Alternate
Africa	
– <i>Mr. Guy Appolinaire Mensah (Benin)</i>	– <i>Mr. Moustafa Fouda (Egypt)</i>
– <i>Mr. Pantaleon M. B. Kasoma (Uganda)</i>	– <i>Ms. Ngalie Maha (Cameroon)</i>
Asia	
– <i>Mr. Giyanto (Indonesia)</i>	– <i>Ms. Saeko Terada (Japan)</i>
– <i>Mr. Ashgar Mobaraki (Iran)</i>	– <i>Mr. Arvin C. Diesmos (Philippines)</i>
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
– <i>Mr. Edgardo Daniel Ramadori (Argentina)</i>	– <i>Ms. Shirley Ramirez (Costa Rica)</i>
– <i>Mr. Mauro Gongora (Belize)</i>	– <i>Mr. Gloria Patrica Sosa Diaz (Honduras)</i>
Europe	
– <i>Mr. Mathias Lörtscher (Switzerland)</i>	– <i>Mr. Ruslan Novitsky (Belarus)</i>
– <i>Ms. Dagmar Zíková (European Union)</i>	– <i>Mr. Gerald Benyr (Austria)</i>
North America	
– <i>Mr. Hesiquio Benitez (Mexico)</i>	– <i>Ms. Cecilia Loughheed (Canada)</i>
Oceania	
– <i>Mr. Hugh Robertson (New Zealand)</i>	– <i>Ms. Sarah McIntyre (New Zealand)</i>
Specialist on zoological nomenclature	
– <i>Mr. Peter Paul Van Dijk</i>	

PLANTS COMMITTEE

Members and alternate Members whose term ends at the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are indicated in *italics*.

Member	Alternate
Africa	
– <i>Mr. Ali Mahamane (Niger)</i>	– <i>Ms. Kirsti Nghidinwa (Namibia)</i>
– <i>Ms. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo (Gabon)</i>	– <i>Ms. Beatrice Khayota (Kenya)</i>
Asia	
– <i>Ms. Tika Dewi Atikah (Indonesia)</i>	– <i>Ms. Zeng Yan (China)</i>
– <i>Mr. Byoung Yoon Lee (Republic of Korea)</i>	– <i>Ms. Shereefa Al-Salem (Kuwait)</i>
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
– <i>Ms Fabiola Roció Núñez Neyra (Peru)</i>	– <i>Mr. Fernando Olave (Chile)</i>
– <i>Mr. César Augusto Beltetón Chacón (Guatemala)</i>	– <i>Ms. Delhys Basilia Albert Puentes (Cuba)</i>
Europe	
– <i>Mr. Paulo J.L. Carmo (Portugal)</i>	– <i>Mr. David Kikodze (Georgia)</i>
– <i>Ms. Ursula Moser (Switzerland)</i>	– <i>Mr. Daniel Wolf (Germany)</i>
North America	
– <i>Ms. Rosemarie Gnam (United States of America)</i>	– <i>Mr. Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico)</i>
Oceania	
– <i>Mr. Damien Wrigley (Australia)</i>	– <i>Mr. Marika Vuli Tuiwawa (Fiji)</i>
Specialist on botanical nomenclature	
– <i>Ms. Ronell Renett Klopper (South Africa)</i>	