

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/014

Geneva, 18 February 2025

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 alternates 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 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties (CoP20; Samarkand; 24 November – 5 December 2025) appear in italics with an asterisk (*).
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 to 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 **27 July 2025** for elections to take place during CoP20.
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.

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 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are indicated in *italics with an asterisk (*)*.

Member	Alternate
Africa	
– Chad	– Democratic Republic of the Congo
– Kenya	– Tanzania
– Madagascar	– Zambia
– <i>Morocco*</i>	– <i>Senegal*</i>
Asia	
– <i>Indonesia*</i>	– India
– Japan	– China
– Kuwait	– Singapore
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
– Brazil	– Ecuador
– Dominican Republic	– Cuba
– <i>Honduras*</i>	– <i>Nicaragua*</i>
Europe	
– <i>Belgium*</i>	– <i>Spain*</i>
– Georgia	– Israel
– <i>Poland*</i>	– <i>Ireland*</i>
– United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	– <i>Belarus*</i>
North America	
– United States of America	– Canada
Oceania	
– New Zealand	– Australia

ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Members and alternate Members whose term ends at the close of the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are indicated in *italics with an asterisk (*)*, while the interim Members and alternate Members who were appointed during the intersessional period and thus need to be confirmed at CoP20 (Res. Conf. 18.2, Annex 2, paragraph 12) are indicated in *italics and underlined*.

Member	Alternate
Africa	
– Ms. Ngalié Maha (Cameroon)	– Mr. James Vedastor Wakibara (United Republic of Tanzania)
– <i>Mr. Pantaleon M. B. Kasoma (Uganda)*</i>	– Mr. Djibril Diouck (Senegal)
Asia	
– <i>Mr. Asghar Mobaraki (Iran)*</i>	– <i>Mr. Arvin C. Diesmos (Philippines)*</i>
– Mr. Amir Hamidy (Indonesia)	– <i>Ms. Saeko Terada (Japan)*</i>
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
– <i>Mr. Mauro Gongora (Belize) *</i>	– <i>Ms. Gloria Patricia Sosa Díaz (Honduras)*</i>
– <i>Mr. Edgardo Daniel Ramadori (Argentina)*</i>	– <i>Ms. Shirley Ramírez (Costa Rica)*</i>
Europe	
– Vacant	– <i><u>Ms. Mona van Schingen-Khan (Germany)</u></i>
– <i>Mr. Mathias Lörtscher (Switzerland)*</i>	– <i>Mr. Ruslan Novitsky (Belarus)*</i>
North America	
– Mr. Hesiquio Benitez Díaz (Mexico)	– <i><u>Mr. Thomas Leuteritz (United States of America)</u></i>
Oceania	
– Mr. Hugh Robertson (New Zealand)	– <i><u>Mr. Andrew Murrell (Australia)</u></i>
Specialist on zoological nomenclature	
– Mr. Peter Paul Van Dijk	

PLANTS COMMITTEE

Members and alternate Members whose term ends at the close of the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are indicated in *italics* with an asterisk (*), while the interim Members and alternate Members who were appointed during the intersessional period and thus need to be confirmed at CoP20 (Res. Conf. 18.2, Annex 2, paragraph 12) are indicated in *italics and underlined*.

Member	Alternate
Africa	
– Mr. Chelestino Peter Balama (United Republic of Tanzania)	– Mr. Ouahid Zannidouche (Algeria)
– Ms. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo (Gabon)	– Mr. Betti Jean Lagarde (Cameroon)
Asia	
– Ms. Yan Zeng (China)	– Ms. Sumalee Tongdonae (Thailand)
– <i>Ms. Tika Dewi Atikah (Indonesia)*</i>	– Mr. Chong Kwek Yan (Singapore)
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
– Mr. César Augusto Beltetón Chacón (Guatemala)	– Ms. Jacqueline de los Angeles Perez Camacho (Cuba)
– <i>Ms Fabiola Roció Núñez Neyra (Peru)*</i>	– <i>Mr. Fernando Olave (Chile)*</i>
Europe	
– Ms. Noeleen Smyth (Ireland)	– Mr. Hugo de Boer (Norway)
– <i>Ms. Ursula Moser (Switzerland)*</i>	– <i>Mr. Daniel Wolf (Germany)*</i>
North America	
– <i><u>Ruben Boles (Canada)</u></i>	– <i>Mr. Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico)*</i>
Oceania	
– <i>Mr. Damien Wrigley (Australia)*</i>	– Mr. Heimuli Likiafu (Tonga)
Specialist on botanical nomenclature	
– <i>Ms. Ronell Renett Klopper (South Africa)*</i>	