

NOTIFICATION**Selected representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to receive funding for their participation in the Twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In connection with the Twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 26) and the Fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 4), which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 13 to 18 May and from 21 to 29 May 2024, respectively, I am pleased to inform you that, after due consideration of all applications by an Advisory Selection Committee of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism, and in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the selection of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities who will receive support for their participation in the above-mentioned meetings has been completed.

Please find attached the list of selected beneficiaries, for your information. The selected beneficiaries will be contacted directly by the Secretariat with regard to their travel arrangements. Additionally, subject to the availability of extra funds, additional beneficiaries may receive support.

The selection was carried out in accordance with the criteria for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention as set out in the annex to decision VIII/5 D, and in accordance with the selection criteria established in section B of the same annex.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) **David Cooper**
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, TK focal points, indigenous peoples and local community organizations, and relevant organizations

Annex

Selected representatives from indigenous peoples and local communities to receive funding for their participation in SBSTTA 26 and SBI 4¹

Africa

1. Mr. Ndiaga Sall
2. Mr. Mohamed Handaine
3. Ms. Rodah Rotino

Asia

4. Ms. Abigail Kitma
5. Mr. Kamal Kumar Rai
6. Mr. Lakpa Nuri Sherpa

Central and South America and the Caribbean

7. Mr. Ramiro Batzin Chojoj
8. Ms. Viviana Figueroa
9. Mr. Orlando Rayo Acosta
10. Ms. Maria Yolanda Terán Maigua

Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia

11. Ms. Daria Egereva
12. Mr. Viacheslav Shadrin

North America

- No applications were received.

The Arctic²

13. Ms. Shannon O'Hara

The Pacific³

14. Ms. Christine Grant

¹ The number of beneficiaries depend on the amount of financial resources available in the Voluntary Fund. It is able to support three representatives from Africa and Asia and four representatives from Central and South America and the Caribbean, in accordance with the criteria of selection (COP decision VIII/5 D Annex), which gives special priority to participants from indigenous peoples and local communities from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and small island developing States but not excluding applicants from indigenous and local communities in developed countries, and taking into consideration gender balance to recognize the special role of women from indigenous peoples and local communities.

² Only one application was received for the Arctic Region

³ Only one application was received for the Pacific Region