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INFORMATION TO PARTIES

Nomination of the officers of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement and nominations outstanding from COP 21 and CMP 11

I would like to inform Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol that during the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) held in Paris, France, from 30 November to 12 December 2015, the COP, through its decision 1/CP.21, decided to establish the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) with the mandate to prepare for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.

The COP further decided that the same arrangement as for the election of officers to the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) would apply, mutatis mutandis, to the APA. The arrangement for the Bureau of the ADP, as endorsed by the COP in its decision 2/CP.18, paragraph 2, is available on the UNFCCC website at the following link: <http://unfccc.int/6558>.

The COP further decided that the APA shall hold its sessions starting in 2016 in conjunction with the sessions of the Convention subsidiary bodies. Accordingly, the election of the officers of the Bureau of the APA will take place at its first session scheduled to be held in May 2016.

Distribution: To Parties through their National Focal Points for climate change, Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany. It is also available on the UNFCCC website at the following link: <http://unfccc.int/3153.php>.



Parties are invited to submit nominations for the Co-Chairs and Rapporteur of the Bureau of the APA by the deadline of 29 March 2016 in accordance with the arrangement referred to in paragraph 2 above. Parties are reminded that in accordance with the established practice, nominations of the officers of the Bureau of the APA should be submitted to the secretariat through the Coordinators of the Annex I Parties constituency and the Coordinator of the Non-Annex I Parties constituency, as the case may be. The contact information for these Coordinators is available at the above mentioned [link](#) on the UNFCCC website.

Parties are further informed that during the Paris Conference, groups and constituencies were unable to conclude negotiations on the following nominations:

- The Vice-President to the Bureau of the COP/CMP from the Asia-Pacific region;
- The Rapporteur of the SBI;
- The government representative from Non-Annex I Parties to the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
- The member and alternate member from Non-Annex I Parties to the Compliance Committee, Facilitative Branch;
- The alternate member from SIDS to the Compliance Committee, Enforcement Branch;
- The member from Africa to the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
- The member from Annex I EITs and alternate member from Non-Annex I Parties to the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee;
- The members from Non-Annex I Parties and one member from Annex I Parties to the Technology Executive Committee; and,
- The members from Africa, Asia-Pacific and SIDS to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group.

The COP and the CMP urged groups and constituencies to continue their consultations and submit the outstanding nominations to the secretariat by Friday, 29 January 2016. The Rapporteur of the SBI will be elected at the forty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies to be held in May 2016. For all other bodies, the COP and CMP decided that once nominations are received by the secretariat, the nominees will be deemed elected at COP 21 and CMP 11 in accordance with established practice.

Information on the UNFCCC electoral process and membership of bodies are available at the above mentioned [link](#) on the UNFCCC website.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the secretariat at: elections@unfccc.int.

Yours sincerely,

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