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Organizational matters

Admission of organizations as observers

**Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental
organizations**

Note by the secretariat

1. The admission of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as observers at sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) is governed by Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which provides, *inter alia*, that “Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object”.
2. At its first session, the COP agreed that the secretariat should invite to its future sessions, and to sessions of its subsidiary bodies, all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted at that session and at future sessions, unless an objection was raised to any particular organization in accordance with the Convention and the draft rules of procedure being applied (FCCC/CP/1995/7, para. 22). Consequently, all organizations admitted to previous sessions of the COP (with the exception of those which were admitted for a single session only) have been invited to attend the twelfth session of the COP, without prejudice to decisions which may be taken by the COP. Only new applicants need to undergo the procedure for admission to the session.
3. The secretariat has prepared a list of new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have expressed a wish to be admitted to the twelfth session of the COP, for consideration by the COP (see annex to this document).
4. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and of the established practice whereby observer organizations are required to furnish proof of their non-profit and/or tax-exempt status in a State Member of the United Nations, of one of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or in a State Party to the International Court of Justice.

5. The members of the Bureau of the COP have received the list of new applicants and have not raised any objections to the organizations listed. These organizations have been advised of their provisional admittance status on the understanding that the final authority for their admission as observers rests with the COP.

6. The COP is invited, at its first meeting, to accord observer status to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations listed in the annex.

7. Parties to the Convention who are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol may wish to recall that decision 36/CMP.1, paragraph 2 (c), provides that with respect to rules 6 and 7 of the draft rules of procedure being applied:

- (a) Organizations admitted as observers to previous sessions of the COP would be admitted to the first session of the COP/MOP;
- (b) A single process would be used for the admission of observer organizations to sessions of the COP and of the COP/MOP, with decisions on admission of observer organizations being taken by the COP.

Annex**List of new applicant organizations for admission as observers at the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties****I. Intergovernmental organizations**

1. Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO), Helsinki, Finland

II. Non-governmental organizations

1. AHEAD Energy Corporation (AHEAD), Rochester, New York, United States of America
2. Borneo Tropical Rainforest Foundation (BTRF), Geneva, Switzerland
3. Business Council for Sustainable Development Malaysia (BCSDM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
4. Canadian Environmental Markets Association (CEMA), Toronto, Canada
5. Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
6. Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
7. Clean Energy and Safe Environment Initiative (CEASEI), Abuja, Nigeria
8. Climate Institute (Australia) {Climate Institute (Australia) Limited}, Sydney, Australia
9. Confederación de organizaciones campesinas e indígenas de la región amazónica ecuatoriana {Corporación de organizaciones campesinas e indígenas de la región amazónica ecuatoriana} (COCARAE), Quito, Ecuador
10. Energy Supply Association of Australia (esaa), Melbourne, Australia
11. Environmental Protection and Conservation Organisation (EPCO), Grand Gaube, Mauritius
12. Fundación de iniciativas de cambio climático (Fundación MDL), Tegucigalpa, Honduras
13. Global Forest Coalition {Stichting Global Forest Coalition} (GFC), Amsterdam, The Netherlands
14. Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi), Bünde, Niedersachsen, Germany
15. Greenspirit International Foundation, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
16. Hobart and William Smith Colleges – Finger Lakes Institute, Geneva, New York, United States of America

17. Institute for Environmental Security (IES), The Hague, The Netherlands
18. International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements (IFOAM), Bonn, Germany
19. M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai, Madras, India
20. Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center (OECC), Tokyo, Japan
21. Pennsylvania State University – The Alliance for Earth Sciences, Engineering and Development in Africa (PennState University), Pennsylvania, United States of America
22. Practical Action {Intermediate Technology Development Group Ltd.}, Bourton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
23. SNV Netherlands Development Organisation {Stichting SNV Nederlandse Ontwikkelingsorganisatie} (SNV), The Hague, The Netherlands
24. SustainUS, New York, New York, United States of America
25. TEARFUND, Teddington, Middlesex, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
26. Tropical Forest Group (TFG), Santa Barbara, California, United States of America
27. University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany
28. University of Tokyo (IR3S), Tokyo, Japan
29. Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Bronx, New York, United States of America

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