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**Admission of observers: organizations applying for
admission as observers**

Note by the secretariat

1. The admission of intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as observers at sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) is governed by Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which provides that, *inter alia*:

“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. COP 1 agreed¹ that the secretariat should invite to future sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies all IGOs and NGOs admitted at COP 1 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.² Consequently, the secretariat has notified all organizations admitted to previous sessions of the COP (with the exception of those admitted to a single session only) of the date and venue of COP 24 in accordance with rule 8 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, without prejudging decisions that may be taken by the COP. Only new applicants need to apply for admission.

3. The secretariat has prepared, for consideration by the COP, a list of new applicant IGOs and NGOs that have expressed a wish to be represented at sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies as observers and satisfy the requirements set out in (1) the Convention, (2) the draft rules of procedure being applied and (3) established practice (see the annex).

4. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rules 7 and 8 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, as well as of the established practice, of which the Subsidiary Body for Implementation took note,³ whereby IGOs and NGOs are required to provide proof of competence in matters related to the Convention and to confirm their independent juridical personality and non-profit and/or tax-exempt status in a State Member of the United

¹ FCCC/CP/1995/7, paragraph 22.

² FCCC/CP/1996/2.

³ FCCC/SBI/2004/10, paragraph 100.



Nations, of one of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or in a State party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

5. The members of the Bureau have received the list of new applicants and have not raised any objections to the organizations listed. The 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. COP 24 is invited, at its 1st meeting, to accord observer status to the IGOs and NGOs listed in the annex.

6. With respect to rules 6 and 7 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, a single process is used for the admission of observer organizations to sessions of the COP, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol⁴ and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,⁵ with decisions on the admission of observer organizations being taken by the COP.

⁴ Decision 36/CMP.1, paragraph 2(c).

⁵ Decision 2/CMA.1, paragraph (c)(ii).

Annex

List of new applicant organizations for admission as observers at the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties

[English/French/Spanish only]

Intergovernmental organizations

1. Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), Paris, France
2. Energy Community, Vienna, Austria
3. Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF), Doha, Qatar
4. Global Development Network (GDN), New Delhi, India
5. Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration (GVTC), Kigali, Rwanda
6. International Solar Alliance (ISA), Gurugram, India
7. Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF), Suva, Fiji
8. Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), Cairo, Egypt

Non-governmental organizations

1. #13 Foundation Climate and Sustainable Development Centre (#13 Foundation), Warsaw, Poland
2. A Sud Ecology and Cooperation Onlus (A Sud), Rome, Italy
3. Africa Sustainability Center Foundation (ASCENT), Nairobi, Kenya
4. Asociación Cluster de Industrias de Medio Ambiente de Euskadi (ACLIMA), Bilbao, Spain
5. Association Climate Chance, Paris, France
6. Atelier21, Paris, France
7. BHP Billiton SaskPower Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Knowledge Centre Inc., doing business as the International CCS Knowledge Centre, Regina, Canada
8. Brazilian Biodiversity Fund (Funbio), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
9. Buildings Performance Institute Europe A.S.B.L. (BPIE), Brussels, Belgium
10. Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), Calgary, Canada
11. Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA), Vancouver, Canada
12. CarbonCare InnoLab Limited, Hong Kong, China
13. Care of Creation, Inc., Madison, United States of America
14. Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs Inc. (CCEIA), New York, United States of America
15. Catholic Relief Services – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (CRS), Baltimore, United States of America
16. Catholic Rural Youth Movement Germany e.V. (KLJB), Bad Honnef, Germany
17. Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESIA), Nairobi, Kenya
18. Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North (CSIPN), Moscow, Russian Federation
19. Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China
20. Centre for Ecology Development and Research (CEDAR), Dehradun, India
21. Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research (C4HR&CCR), Yenagoa, Nigeria
22. CHAdeMO Association, Tokyo, Japan
23. Chant du Guépard dans le Désert (CHEECO), Karaj, Islamic Republic of Iran

24. Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
25. Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB), Dhaka, Bangladesh
26. Clark University, Worcester, United States of America
27. Climate Central, Inc., Princeton, United States of America
28. Climate Leadership Council, Inc., Washington, United States of America
29. Climate Tracker Incorporated (CT), Sydney, Australia
30. Coalition for Green Capital (CGC), Washington, United States of America
31. Colorado College, Colorado Springs, United States of America
32. Compagnon d'Action pour le Développement Familial (CADF-ONGD), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
33. Conseil du Patronat du Québec Inc. (CPQ), Montreal, Canada
34. Dalit Welfare Association (DWA), Kathmandu, Nepal
35. Desarrollo Rural Sustentable (DRIS), Lima, Peru
36. EcoClub, Rivne, Ukraine
37. Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS), Paris, France
38. Écotech Québec, Montreal, Canada
39. Energypedia UG, Eschborn, Germany
40. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Chicago, United States of America
41. Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs-Conseils (FIDIC), Geneva, Switzerland
42. Fondation du Docip (DOCIP), Geneva, Switzerland
43. Forum Chine-Europe, Paris, France
44. FORUMCC, Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
45. Foundation for GAIA (GAIA), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
46. German Climate Foundation (DKS), Bremerhaven, Germany
47. German Farmers' Organization e.V. (DBV), Berlin, Germany
48. German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU), Osnabrueck, Germany
49. Giving Life Nature Volunteer, Accra, Ghana
50. Global Dairy Platform, Inc. (GDP), Rosemont, United States of America
51. Global Energy Internet Development Cooperation Organization (Geidco), Beijing, China
52. Global LPG Partnership, Inc. (GLPGP), New York, United States of America
53. Global Off-Grid Lighting Association (GOGLA), Utrecht, Netherlands
54. Green Course, Tel Aviv, Israel
55. Green Mind, Metn, Lebanon
56. Hand in Hand India (HiH India), Kanchipuram, India
57. Hashoo Foundation (HF), Islamabad, Pakistan
58. Helmholtz-Centre Geesthacht Centre for Materials and Coastal Research GmbH (HZG), Geesthacht, Germany
59. Human Development Institute (MPS), Rajgarh, India
60. Human Impacts Institute, Inc. (HII), Brooklyn, United States of America
61. Humboldt-Viadrina Governance Platform gGmbH, Berlin, Germany
62. India Water Foundation, New Delhi, India

63. Institut Polytechnique de Grenoble (Grenoble INP), Grenoble, France
64. International Actuarial Association (IAA), Ottawa, Canada
65. International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
66. International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE), Boston, United States of America
67. International-Lawyers.Org (INTLawyers), Geneva, Switzerland
68. Investor Group on Climate Change Australia/New Zealand Inc. (IGCC), Sydney, Australia
69. Iran Renewable Energy Association (IrREA), Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
70. Jeunesse Étudiante Catholique Internationale (IYCS-JECI), Paris, France
71. Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Karlsruhe, Germany
72. Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre (KIRDARC), Sanepa, Nepal
73. KR Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark
74. Lean Management Systems Promotion Society (LMSPS), Indore, India
75. Leibniz Centre for Marine Tropical Research GmbH (ZMT), Bremen, Germany
76. Les Amis de Circée, Die, France
77. LINGO e.V., Radebeul, Germany
78. Maastricht University (UM), Maastricht, Netherlands
79. Motu: Economic and Public Policy Research Trust, Wellington, New Zealand
80. My Shelter Foundation, Inc., Pasay City, Philippines
81. National Research Council Nepal (NRCN), Kathmandu, Nepal
82. Near East Foundation (NEF), Syracuse, United States of America
83. Occidental College, Los Angeles, United States of America
84. Open University of the Netherlands (OUNL), Heerlen, Netherlands
85. ParlAmericas, Ottawa, Canada
86. Perspectives Climate Research gGmbH (PCR), Freiburg, Germany
87. Pompeu Fabra University (UPF), Barcelona, Spain
88. Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC), Kathmandu, Nepal
89. Pronatura Sur, A.C., San Cristobal De Las Casas, Mexico
90. Prospekt Mira, Salt Lake City, United States of America
91. Research and Innovation Centre Pro-Akademia (RIC), Konstantynow Lodzki, Poland
92. Réseau Alternatif des Jeunes-Tunisie (RAJ-Tunisie), Tunis, Tunisia
93. RESPONSE Charitable Trust, Wellington, New Zealand
94. Rock Environment and Energy Institute (REEI), Beijing, China
95. Royal Meteorological Society (RMets), Reading, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
96. Rural Uplift Centre (RUC), Nagercoil, India
97. Sadhana Forest Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya
98. SDSN Association, Inc. (SDSN), New York, United States of America
99. Sedex Information Exchange Limited (Sedex), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
100. Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre (SMRC), Bhubaneswar, India
101. Society for Development and Community Empowerment (SDCE), Port Harcourt, Nigeria

102. Society of Entrepreneurs and Ecology Foundation (SEE Foundation), Beijing, China
103. Solar Impulse Foundation, Lausanne, Switzerland
104. Stichting Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) Foundation (SLoCaT), Utrecht, Netherlands
105. Stichting Smart Freight Centre (SFC), Amsterdam, Netherlands
106. Sustainable Harvest International, Ellsworth, United States of America
107. SustainableEnergy (SE), Aarhus, Denmark
108. Tamaynut, Inezgan, Morocco
109. TERI University, New Delhi, India
110. Texas Impact Education Fund, doing business as the Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy (TICPP), Austin, United States of America
111. The B Team Headquarters, Inc., New York, United States of America
112. The Federation for Associations Connected to the International HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE Movement (FAIHPP), Geneva, Switzerland
113. The Global Development Incubator, Inc. (GDI), Washington, United States of America
114. The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), Lincoln, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
115. The Mark Leonard Trust, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
116. The National Farmers Union (NFU), Kenilworth, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
117. The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP), Sydney, Australia
118. The Sunrise Project Australia Limited, Surry Hills, Australia
119. The Vegan Society, Birmingham, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
120. The V.I. Vernadsky Nongovernmental Ecological Foundation (The Vernadsky Foundation), Moscow, Russian Federation
121. Universal Versatile Society (UV Society), Washim, India
122. Universidad de las Islas Baleares (UIB), Palma, Spain
123. Université de Liège (ULg), Liège, Belgium
124. Université Paris-Dauphine, Paris, France
125. Université Sorbonne Paris Cité (USPC), Paris, France
126. University of Applied Sciences Cologne (TH Koeln), Cologne, Germany
127. University of Connecticut (UConn), Storrs, United States of America
128. University of Gibraltar, Gibraltar, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
129. University of Helsinki (UH), Helsinki, Finland
130. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada
131. University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
132. University of York, Heslington, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
133. urgewald e.V., Sassenberg, Germany
134. Windward Fund, Washington, United States of America
135. World Union of Small and Medium Enterprises (WUSME), San Marino
136. Youth Association of Climate Change (PBPI), Seri Kembangan, Malaysia
137. Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), Winterthur, Switzerland