

## Candidature Chart for Chairs and Coordinators for nominations for elections at the Climate Change Conference in 2018

*Regional Group: GRULAC (As of 6 December 2018)*

Name of body	Total seats	Open seat(s) for election 2018	Position open for election/current members	Previous member	Previous member	Previous member	Candidature for election at COP 24	Nomination transmitted by Chair of the GRULAC for the relevant month(Yes/No)
<b>COP/CMP/CMA Bureau</b>	2	2	<b>Bureau COP 23/ CMP 13/ CMA 1.2 Vice-President</b> Mr. Walter Schuldt-Espinel <sup>1,2</sup> (Ecuador)	<b>Bureau COP 22/ CMP 12/ CMA 1.1 Vice-President</b> Mr. Walter Schuldt-Espinel (Ecuador)	<b>Bureau COP 21/ CMP 11 Vice-President</b> Mr. Walter Schuldt-Espine (Ecuador)	<b>Bureau COP 20/ CMP 10 Vice-President</b> Mr. Jaime Hermida Castillo (Nicaragua)	<b>Bureau COP 24/ CMP 14/ CMA 1.3</b>	
			<b>Bureau COP 23/ CMP 13/ CMA 1.2 Vice-President</b> Ms. Una May Gordon <sup>2</sup> (Jamaica)	<b>Bureau COP 22/ CMP 12/ CMA 1.1 Chair of SBSTA</b> Mr. Carlos Fuller (Belize)	<b>Bureau COP 21/ CMP 11 Chair of SBSTA</b> Mr. Carlos Fuller (Belize)	<b>Bureau COP 20/ CMP 10 President</b> Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal (Peru)	<b>Bureau COP 24/ CMP 14/ CMA 1.3</b>	
			<b>Additional Vice-President from a Party to the Paris Agreement</b> Mr. Diego Pacheco Balanza <sup>3</sup> (Bolivia)	N/A	N/A	N/A	NA	NA
<b>SBSTA Bureau (Vice Chair &amp; Rapporteur)</b>	2	1	<b>SBSTA 48-49 (2018)</b> N/A	<b>SBSTA 46-47 (2017)</b> N/A	<b>SBSTA 44-45 (2016)</b> N/A	<b>SBI 42-43 (2015) Vice-Chair</b> Mr. Carlos Fuller (Belize)	<b>SBSTA 50-51 (2018)</b>	
<b>SBI Bureau (Vice Chair &amp; Rapporteur)</b>	2	1	<b>SBI 48-49 (2018)</b> N/A	<b>SBI 46-47 (2017)</b> N/A	<b>SBI 44-45 (2016)</b> N/A	<b>SBI 42-43 (2015)</b> N/A	<b>SBI 50-51 (2018)</b>	
<b>Adaptation Committee</b>	2	2	<b>Member 2017-2019</b> Mr. Julio Cordano (Chile) <sup>4</sup>	<b>Member 2015-2017</b> Mr. Clifford Mahlung (Jamaica)	<b>Member 2012-2015</b> Mr. Clifford Mahlung (Jamaica)	N/A	<b>Member 2019-2021</b>	
			<b>Member 2017-2019</b> Mr. Javier Antonio Gutierrez (Nicaragua) <sup>4</sup>	<b>Member 2015-2017</b> Mr. Juan Pablo Hoffmaister (Bolivia)	<b>Member 2012-2015</b> Mr. Juan Pablo Hoffmaister (Bolivia)	N/A	<b>Member 2019-2021</b>	
<b>Adaptation Fund Board</b>	4	4	<b>Member 2018-2020</b> Position vacant Nomination pending from CMP 13	<b>Member 2016-2018</b> Mr. Lucas di Pietro (Argentina)	<b>Member 2014-2016</b> Mr. Philip Weech (Bahamas)	<b>Member 2012-2014</b> Mr. Philip Weech (Bahamas)	<b>Member 2018-2020</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Current member/alternate member remains in office until his/her successor is elected.

<sup>2</sup> This member/alternate member has served the maximum terms in office and is not eligible for reelection.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Diego Pacheco was elected as an additional Vice-President of the CMA, in accordance with Art. 16, para. 3 of the Paris Agreement and served until 20 Oct. 2017

<sup>4</sup> This member/alternate member is eligible for reelection for another term.

			<b>Alternate 2018-2020</b> Position vacant Nomination pending from CMP 13	<b>Alternate 2016-2018</b> Mr. Philip Weech (Bahamas)	<b>Alternate 2014-2016</b> Mr. Jefferey Spooner (Jamaica)	<b>Alternate 2012-2014</b> Mr. Jefferey Spooner (Jamaica)	<b>Member 2018-2020</b>	
			<b>Member 2017-2019</b> Mr. Victor Viñas <sup>4</sup> (Dominican Republic)	<b>Member 2015-2017</b> Mr. Emilio Sempris (Panama)	<b>Member 2013-2015</b> Mr. Raul Pinedo replaced by Mr. Emilio Sempris (Panama)	<b>Member 2010-2013</b> Mr. Louis Santos (Uruguay)	<b>Member 2019-2021</b> Mr. Victor Viñas (Dominican Republic)	Yes
			<b>Alternate 2017-2019</b> Ms. Yadira Gonzáles <sup>4</sup> (Cuba)	<b>Alternate 2015-2017</b> Ms. Irina Helena Pineda Aguilar (Honduras)	<b>Alternate 2013-2015</b> Ms. Irina Helena Pineda Aguilar (Honduras)	<b>Alternate 2010-2013</b> Mr. Santiago Reyna (Argentina)	<b>Alternate 2019-2021</b>	
<b>CDM Executive Board</b>	2	2	<b>Member 2017-2019</b> Mr. Arthur Rolle <sup>4</sup> (Bahamas)	<b>Member 2015-2017</b> Mr. Eduardo Calvo (Peru)	<b>Member 2013-2015</b> Mr. Antonio Huerta- Goldman (Mexico) replaced by Mr. Daniel Ortega Pacheco (Ecuador)	<b>Member 2011-2013</b> Mr. Daniel Ortega Pacheco (Ecuador) replaced by Mr. Antonio Huerta-Goldman (Mexico)	<b>Member 2019-2021</b>	
			<b>Alternate 2017-2019</b> Mr. Eduardo Calvo <sup>4</sup> (Peru)	<b>Alternate 2015-2017</b> Mr. Arthur Rolle (Bahamas)	<b>Alternate 2013-2015</b> Mr. Eduardo Calvo (Peru)	<b>Alternate 2011-2013</b> Mr. Jose Miguel Leiva (Guatemala) replaced by Mr. Raul Castañeda (Guatemala) replaced by Mr. Eduardo Calvo (Peru)	<b>Alternate 2019-2021</b>	
<b>Compliance Committee Facilitative Branch</b>	2	2	<b>Member 2017-2020</b> Position vacant Nomination pending from CMP 13	<b>Member 2014-2017</b> Ms. Lisa Benjamin (Bahamas)	<b>Member 2010-2013</b> Ms. Janine Coye-Felson (Belize)	<b>Member 2006-2009</b> Ms. Maria Andrea Albán-Durán (Colombia)	<b>Member 2017-2020</b>	
			<b>Alternate 2017-2020</b> Position vacant Nomination pending from CMP 13	<b>Alternate 2014-2017</b> Mr. Teddy St. Louis (Grenada)	<b>Alternate 2010-2013</b> Mr. Teddy St. Louis (Grenada)	<b>Alternate 2006-2009</b> Mr. Ato Jamal Lewis (Antigua & Barbuda)	<b>Alternate 2017-2020</b>	
<b>Compliance Committee Enforcement Branch</b>	2	2	<b>Member 2017-2020</b> Position vacant Nomination pending from CMP 13	<b>Member 2014-2017</b> Mr. Orlando Rey Santos (Cuba)	<b>Member 2010-2013</b> Mr. Raul Estrada-Oyuela (Argentina)	<b>Member 2006-2009</b> Mr. Raul Estrada-Oyuela (Argentina)	<b>Member 2017-2020</b>	
			<b>Alternate 2017-2020</b> Position vacant Nomination pending from CMP 13	<b>Alternate 2014-2017</b> Mr. José Antonio González Norris (Peru)	<b>Alternate 2010-2013</b> Mr. José Antonio González Norris (Peru)	<b>Alternate 2006-2009</b> Ms. Patricia Iturregui Byrne (Peru)	<b>Alternate 2017-2020</b>	
<b>Consultative Group of Experts (CGE)</b>	5	5	<b>Member 2018</b> Ms. Estefania Ardila Robles <sup>2</sup> (Colombia)	<b>Member 2017</b> Ms. Estefania Ardila Robles (Colombia)	<b>Member 2016</b> Ms. Estefania Ardila Robles (Colombia)	<b>Member 2015</b> Ms. Estefania Ardila Robles (Colombia)	<b>Member [term TBD]</b>	
			<b>Member 2018</b> Mr. Thiago De Araujo Mendes <sup>2</sup> (Brazil)	<b>Member 2017</b> Mr. Thiago De Araujo Mendes (Brazil)	<b>Member 2016</b> Mr. Thiago De Araujo Mendes (Brazil)	<b>Member 2015</b> Mr. Thiago De Araujo Mendes (Brazil)	<b>Member [term TBD]</b>	
			<b>Member 2018</b> Ms. Rhianna Neely <sup>2</sup> (Bahamas)	<b>Member 2017</b> Ms. Rhianna Neely (Bahamas)	<b>Member 2016</b> Ms. Rhianna Neely (Bahamas)	<b>Member 2015</b> Ms. Rhianna Neely (Bahamas)	<b>Member [term TBD]</b>	
			<b>Member 2018</b> Ms. Mariana Kasprzyk <sup>2</sup> (Uruguay)	<b>Member 2017</b> Ms. Mariana Kasprzyk (Uruguay)	<b>Member 2016</b> Ms. Mariana Kasprzyk (Uruguay)	<b>Member 2015</b> Mr. Luis Alberto Santos Michetti (Uruguay)	<b>Member [term TBD]</b>	

			<b>Member 2018</b> Mr. Luis Paz (Cuba) <sup>4</sup>	<b>Member 2017</b> Mr. Luis Paz	<b>Member 2016</b> Ms. Tania Zamora Santos (Peru)	<b>Member 2015</b> Ms. Tania Zamora Santos (Peru)	<b>Member [term TBD]</b>	
<b>Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)</b>	2	1	<b>Member 2017-2019</b> Ms. Jennifer Hanna <sup>4</sup> (Dominican Republic)	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>Member 2019-2021</b> Ms. Jennifer Hanna (Dominican Republic)	Yes
		<b>Total open</b>					<b>Total Nominations Due</b>	<b>Total Nominations Received</b>
		20 <sup>5</sup>					18	2

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<sup>5</sup> This does not include nominations for the Vice Chairs and Rapporteurs of SBSTA/SBI, which are not allocated to a specific group and which are open to all regional groups and SIDs.

## **BODIES UNDER THE CONVENTION, KYOTO PROTOCOL AND PARIS AGREEMENT INFORMATION AND CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP**

### **I. The Bureau of the COP, CMP and CMA**

1. The Bureau supports the COP, CMP and CMA through the provision of advice and guidance regarding the ongoing work under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement, the organization of their sessions and the operation of the secretariat, especially at times when the COP, CMP, and CMA are not in session. The Bureau is elected from representatives of Parties nominated by each of the five United Nations regional groups and Small Island Developing States. The Bureau is mainly responsible for questions of process management. It assists the President in the performance of his or her duties by providing advice and by helping with various tasks (e.g. members undertake consultations on behalf of the President). The Bureau is responsible for examining the credentials of Parties, reviewing the list of IGOs and NGOs seeking accreditation, and submitting a report thereon to the Conference.

2. The draft rules of procedure of the COP, being applied, state that: “At the commencement of the first meeting of each ordinary session, a President, seven Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies established by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention, and a Rapporteur shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. They will serve as the Bureau of the session. Each of the five regional groups shall be represented by two Bureau members and one Bureau member shall represent the small island developing states. The offices of President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the five regional groups.” No officer may serve on the Bureau for more than two consecutive terms of one year.<sup>6</sup>

3. The Kyoto Protocol provides that: “When the Conference of the Parties serves as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, any member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties representing a Party to the Convention but, at that time, not a Party to this Protocol, shall be replaced by an additional member to be elected by and from amongst the Parties to this Protocol”.<sup>7</sup> The Paris Agreement also provides that: “When the Conference of the Parties serves as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, any member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties representing a Party to the Convention but at that time, not a Party to this Agreement, shall be replaced by an additional member to be elected by and from amongst the Parties to this Agreement”.<sup>8</sup>

4. At COP 24, eleven (11) members of the Bureau of the COP, CMP and CMA, nominated by the following groups and SIDS, will be elected to serve for a term of one year:

- Two members nominated by the Group of African States (Africa);
- Two members nominated by the Group of Asia-Pacific (Asia-Pacific);
- Two members nominated by the Group of Eastern European States (Eastern Europe);
- Two members nominated by the Group of Latin America and Caribbean States (GRULAC);
- Two members nominated by the Group of Western European and Others States (WEOG);
- and
- One member nominated by the Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

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<sup>6</sup> See rule 22, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the draft rules of procedure of the COP (document FCCC/CP/1996/2).

<sup>7</sup> See Article 13, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol.

<sup>8</sup> See Article 16, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement.

5. More information on the Bureau of the COP/CMP/CMA is available at the following link:  
<http://unfccc.int/bodies/body/6430.php>

## **II. The Bureaux of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)**

1. The SBSTA is one of the permanent subsidiary body established under Article 9 of the Convention. It supports the work of the COP, the CMP and the CMA through the provision of timely information and advice on scientific and technological matters as they relate to the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.
2. The SBI is the other permanent subsidiary body established under Article 10 of the Convention. It supports the work of the COP, the CMP and the CMA through the assessment and review of the effective implementation of the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. The SBI also advises the COP on budgetary and administrative matters.
3. The draft rules of procedure of the COP provide that each subsidiary body shall elect its own Vice-Chair and Rapporteur.<sup>9</sup> The Kyoto Protocol further provides that: “When the subsidiary bodies established by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention exercise their functions with regard to matters concerning this Protocol, any member of the Bureaux of those subsidiary bodies representing a Party to the Convention but, at that time, not a party to this Protocol, shall be replaced by an additional member to be elected by and from amongst the Parties to this Protocol”.<sup>10</sup> The Paris Agreement also provides that: “When the subsidiary bodies established by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention exercise their functions with regard to matters concerning this Agreement, any member of the Bureaux of those subsidiary bodies representing a Party to the Convention but, at that time, not a party to this Agreement, shall be replaced by an additional member to be elected by and from amongst the Parties to this Agreement”.<sup>11</sup>
4. The Chairs and Coordinators of groups and SIDS are invited to submit nominations for the positions of Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the SBSTA and SBI.
5. More information on the bureaux of the SBSTA and SBI are available at the following links:
  - <http://unfccc.int/bodies/body/6399.php>
  - <http://unfccc.int/bodies/body/6406.php>

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<sup>9</sup> See rule 27, paragraphs 1 and 6, of the draft rules of procedure of the COP.

<sup>10</sup> See Article 15, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol.

<sup>11</sup> See Article 18, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement.

### III. The Adaptation Committee (AC)

1. The Adaptation Committee was established by the COP at its sixteenth session as part of the Cancun Agreements (decision 1/CP.16) to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention, inter alia, through the following functions:

- Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties;
- Sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices;
- Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks;
- Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building;
- Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received.

2. The AC comprises 16 members, nominated by Parties through their respective Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies and elected by the COP to serve for a term of two years. Members are eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office, and remain in office until their successors have been elected.<sup>12</sup>

3. At COP 24, the COP will be invited to elect to serve for a term of two years, eight (8) members as follows:

- One member nominated by Asia-Pacific;
- Two members nominated by GRULAC;
- One member nominated by WEOG;
- One member nominated by SIDS;
- One member nominated by Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
- One member nominated by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties); and
- One member nominated by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (Non-Annex I Parties).

4. Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies are encouraged to nominate experts with a diversity of experience and knowledge relevant to adaptation to climate change, while also taking into account the need to achieve gender balance in accordance with decisions 3/CP.23.

5. More information on the Adaptation Committee is available at the following link:  
[http://unfccc.int/adaptation/groups\\_committees/adaptation\\_committee/items/6053.php](http://unfccc.int/adaptation/groups_committees/adaptation_committee/items/6053.php)

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<sup>12</sup> See paragraph 106, decision 2/CP.17.

#### **IV. The Adaptation Fund Board (AFB)**

1. At the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 3), Parties in decision 1/CMP.3 decided to establish the Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) as the operating entity to supervise and manage the Adaptation Fund, under the authority and guidance of the CMP. The AFB is fully accountable to the CMP, which decides on the overall policies of the Adaptation Fund. The Adaptation Fund was established to finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes in developing country parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The Fund is filled by a 2% levy on CDM transactions.
2. Upon invitation from Parties, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) provides secretariat services to the AFB and the World Bank serves as trustee of the Adaptation Fund on an interim basis. These interim institutional arrangements will be reviewed in 2011.
3. The AFB comprises 16 members and their alternates, nominated by the relevant Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies and elected by the CMP to serve for a term of two years. Members and alternate members are eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.<sup>13</sup> Terms served as members do not count towards the terms served as alternate members, and terms served as alternate members do not count towards the terms served as members.<sup>14</sup>
4. At CMP 14, the CMP will be invited to elect to serve for a term of two years, eight (8) members and eight alternate members to the AFB as follows:
  - One member and one alternate member nominated by Africa;
  - One member and one alternate member nominated by Asia-Pacific;
  - One member and one alternate member nominated by Eastern Europe;
  - One member and one alternate member nominated by GRULAC;
  - One member and one alternate member nominated by WEOG;
  - One member and one alternate member nominated by SIDS;
  - One member and one alternate member nominated by Annex I Parties; and
  - One member and one alternate member nominated by Non-Annex I Parties.
5. Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies are invited to submit nominations to the AFB bearing in mind that the members and alternate members of the Board shall have the appropriate technical, adaptation and/or policy expertise<sup>15</sup>.

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<sup>13</sup> See paragraph 8, decision 1/CMP.3.

<sup>14</sup> See paragraph 16, decision 1/CMP.4.

<sup>15</sup> See paragraph 8, decision 1/CMP.3.



## V. The Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

1. The CDM Executive Board (CDM-EB) supervises the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism under the authority and guidance of the CMP (see decision 3/CMP.1). The CDM-EB is the ultimate point of contact for CDM Project Participants for the registration of projects and the issuance of certified emission reductions. The CDM, defined in Article 12 of the Protocol, allows a country with an emission-reduction or emission-limitation commitment under the Kyoto Protocol (Annex B Party) to implement an emission-reduction project in developing countries. Such projects can earn saleable certified emission reduction (CER) credits, each equivalent to one tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>, which can be counted towards meeting Kyoto targets.

2. The CDM Executive Board comprises 10 members and 10 alternate members, nominated by the relevant Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies and elected by the CMP to serve for a term of two years. Members and alternate members are eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms and remain in office until their successors are elected. Terms served as members do not count towards the terms served as alternate members, and terms served as alternate members do not count towards the terms served as members.<sup>16</sup>

3. At CMP 14, the CMP will be invited to elect to serve for a term of two years, five (5) members and five (5) alternate members to the Executive Board as follows:

- One member and one alternate member nominated by Africa;
- One member and one alternate member nominated by Asia-Pacific;
- One member and one alternate member nominated by GRULAC;
- One member and one alternate member nominated by WEOG; and
- One member and one alternate member nominated by Annex I Parties.

4. Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies are invited to submit nominations, bearing in mind the skills and expertise required of members and alternates sitting on the CDM Executive Board, as decided by the CMP, in particular that all members and alternate members of the Board should:

- (a) Have experience and competence in developing policy and strategy frameworks within regulatory processes, preferably but not necessarily in an international environment;
- (b) Have an understanding of business perspectives regarding investment in the environmental field;
- (c) Have knowledge on and an understanding of the intergovernmental process in relation to climate change or other environmental agreements, and an appreciation of the nexus of actions to combat climate change and promote sustainable development;
- (d) Be prepared to obtain further knowledge on and understanding of decisions of the CMP relevant to the CDM and guidance previously established by the Board;
- (e) Exhibit the highest levels of professionalism and competence and a commitment to act in their individual capacities and in a manner consistent with the Board's code of conduct;
- (f) Show commitment to the effective management of the CDM and to working as a team with other members and alternate members, including in relation to reaching consensus;

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<sup>16</sup> See rules 3 and 4 of the rules of procedure of the CDM Executive Board.

(g) Have competence in English (written and oral).<sup>17</sup>

5. More information about the CDM Executive Board is available at the following link:  
[http://unfccc.int/kyoto\\_protocol/mechanisms/clean\\_development\\_mechanism/items/2718.php](http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/mechanisms/clean_development_mechanism/items/2718.php)

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<sup>17</sup> See annex I to decision 3/CMP.6.

## **VI. The Compliance Committee**

1. The Kyoto Protocol compliance mechanism is designed to strengthen the Protocol's environmental integrity, support the carbon market's credibility and ensure transparency of accounting by Parties. Its objective is to facilitate, promote and enforce compliance with the commitments under the Protocol.
2. The Compliance Committee is made up of two branches: a facilitative branch and an enforcement branch. As their names suggest, the facilitative branch aims to provide advice and assistance to Parties in order to promote compliance, whereas the enforcement branch has the responsibility to determine consequences for Parties not meeting their commitments. Both branches are composed of 10 members, including one representative from each of the five official UN regions (Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, and Western Europe and Others), one from the small island developing States, and two each from Annex I and non-Annex I Parties. The Committee also meets in a plenary composed of members of both branches, and a bureau, made up of the chairperson and vice-chairperson of each branch, supports its work. Decisions of the plenary and the facilitative branch may be taken by a three-quarters majority, while decisions of the enforcement branch require, in addition, a double majority of both Annex I and non-Annex I Parties.
3. Every two years the CMP elects, for each branch, 5 members and 5 alternate members for a term of four years. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. The length of term for each member of the Compliance Committee also applies to his or her alternate member and alternate members are not to serve for more than two consecutive terms as alternate members.
4. GRULAC is invited to submit nominations to the Committee, including a brief curriculum vitae of each individual nominated, bearing in mind the agreed competencies of the members of the respective branches of the Compliance Committee, in particular:
  - (a) That the members and alternate members of the facilitative branch shall have recognized competencies relating to climate change and in relevant fields such as the scientific, technical, socio-economic or legal fields;
  - (b) That the members and alternate members of the enforcement branch shall have legal experience.
5. Parties are reminded that the nature of the Compliance Committee and the particular design and function of the procedures and mechanisms require, for their effective functioning and for the quorum to be met, the availability of members and alternate members for meetings at very short notice (one to two weeks).
6. More information is available at the following link:  
[http://unfccc.int/kyoto\\_protocol/compliance/items/3024.php](http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/compliance/items/3024.php)

## **VII. The Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE)**

1. In order to improve national communications (NCs) and the Biennial Update Reports (BURs) from developing country Parties through technical advice and support, in 1999 the COP established the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from non-Annex I Parties (CGE) (Decision 5/CP.8). The CGE is the key technical support element under the Convention to assist developing country Parties in meeting their reporting obligations.

2. At COP 19, the COP decided to continue the CGE and to review the term and the mandate of the CGE and the need for continuation of the group at its twenty-fourth session.<sup>18</sup> At COP 24, should the COP decide to continue or reconstitute the CGE, Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies will be invited to nominate members during the session.

3. The CGE currently comprises 24 members as follows:

- 5 members from Africa;
- 5 members from Asia-Pacific;
- 5 members from GRULAC;
- 6 members from Annex I Parties; and
- 1 member each from 3 international organizations.

4. Groups and constituencies are invited to submit nominations to the CGE bearing in mind that the experts of the CGE shall be composed of experts drawn from the UNFCCC roster of experts with expertise in at least one of the sections of national communications or biennial update reports in accordance with the relevant guidelines.<sup>19</sup>

5. More information about the CGE is available at the following link:  
[http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/non-annex\\_i\\_natcom/cge/items/2608.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/non-annex_i_natcom/cge/items/2608.php)

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<sup>18</sup> See paragraph 1 of decision 19/CP.19, and paragraph 2 of decision 20/CP.22.

<sup>19</sup> See paragraph 4, decision 19/CP.19.

## VIII. The Paris Committee on Capacity Building

1. The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) was established by the Conference of the Parties (COP) in 2015 (see decision 1/CP.21) as part of the adoption of the Paris Agreement to address gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including with regard to coherence and coordination in capacity-building activities under the Convention. In 2016, Parties adopted the terms of reference of the PCCB in Marrakech, at COP 22.

2. In addition, the PCCB manages and oversees the 2016–2020 workplan, which was also agreed in Paris and outlines various activities. Furthermore, at COP 23 as one of the outcomes of the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention, an invitation was extended to the PCCB with regard to the management of the 2016–2020 workplan.

3. The PCCB comprises 12 members, nominated by the relevant Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies and elected by the COP. Members and alternate members of the PCCB are eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.<sup>20</sup>

4. At COP 24, the COP will be invited to elect to serve for a term of two years, six (6) members to the PCCB as follows:

- a. One member from Africa;
- b. One member from Asia-Pacific;
- c. One member from Eastern Europe;
- d. One member from GRULAC;
- e. One member from WEOG; and
- f. One member from SIDS or from LDCs (see paragraph 36 below).

5. The Chairs and Coordinators of Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, SIDS and LDCs are urged to inform the secretariat which of their two members is currently serving on the Committee for a term of two years and which is serving for a term of three years. This will ensure that the elections at COP 24 are held for the positions of those members who are completing their two-year term of office in 2018.

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<sup>20</sup> See paragraphs 4 and 5, of the annex of decision 2/CP.22.