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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 the future sessions of the COP 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 31 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 (see annex I) that have expressed a wish to be represented at sessions of the COP as observers and satisfy the requirements set out in (1) the Convention, (2) the draft rules of procedure being applied and (3) established practice.

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 7–8 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, as well as of 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 status in a Member State of the United 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. Annex II provides details of admitted observer organizations that notified the secretariat that they had legally changed their name as a result of rebranding or merging with another organization, or of subsumption to a parent organization that had applied for

¹ [FCCC/CP/1995/7](#), para. 22.

² [FCCC/CP/1996/2](#).

³ [FCCC/SBI/2004/10](#), para. 100.



admission during the reporting period, between June 2025 and May 2026. In such instances, organizations are required to provide information in line with the aforementioned established practice and were deemed qualified to maintain observer status under their new name.

6. The members of the Bureau received the lists of new applicants for their review and agreed to recommend the organizations listed to the COP for admission. 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. COP 31 is invited, at its 1st meeting, to accord observer status to the IGO and NGOs listed in annex I and to note the name changes of the admitted observers listed in annex II.

7. With respect to rules 6–7 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, a single process is to be 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](#), para. 2(c)(ii).

⁵ Decision [2/CMA.1](#), para. (c)(ii).

Annex I

List of new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for admission as observers for consideration at the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties

[English only]

Intergovernmental organizations

1. Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), Istanbul, Türkiye

Non-governmental organizations

2. Action pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant (APDE), N'Djamena, Chad
3. African Heritage and Global Peace Initiative (AHGPI), Abuja, Nigeria
4. Amazon Bioeconomy Business Association (ASSOBIO), Belém, Brazil
5. Amazonian Youth Cooperation for Sustainable Development (COJOVEM), Belém, Brazil
6. American Concrete Institute (ACI), Farmington Hills, United States of America
7. Asia Philanthropy Circle (APC), Singapore
8. Australian Academy of Science (AAS), Acton, Australia
9. Australian Parents For Climate Action Ltd (AP4CA), Surry Hills, Australia
10. Beijing Institute of Finance and Sustainability (IFS), Beijing, China
11. Birchfield Global Development and Empowerment International Initiatives (BGDEII), Abuja, Nigeria
12. Blue Cross Climate Change Resilience Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria
13. Bluetech Clean Air Alliance (BCAA), Beijing, China
14. Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (SEBRAE), Brasília, Brazil
15. BRI International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC), Beijing, China
16. BudgIT Foundation for the Promotion of Information Technology in Nigeria (BudgIT Foundation), Yaba, Nigeria
17. Carbon Business Development Council, Kingston, United States of America
18. Centre for Social studies and Development (WTP), Port Harcourt, Nigeria
19. China Council for the Promotion of National Trade, Beijing, China
20. Climate Integrate, Tokyo, Japan
21. Climate Power Education Fund dba America Is All In, Washington, D.C., United States of America
22. Climate Resilient Island Societies Alliance (CRIS Alliance), Ngerubesang, Melekeok, Palau
23. Conservation Strategy Fund (CSF), Arcata, United States of America
24. CropLife Canada, Ottawa, Canada
25. Danish Association of Managers and Executives (LHO), Copenhagen, Denmark
26. DASTAK Women Rights and Awareness Foundation (DASTAK Foundation), Rawalpindi, Pakistan
27. Disabled Rehabilitation and Research Association (DRRA), Dhaka, Bangladesh
28. Eco Circular India Foundation (ECF), Pune, India
29. ELAS+ Giving for Change (ELAS+), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
30. Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Inc. (EIANZ), Balwyn, Australia
31. Federal University of Uberlandia (FUU), Uberlandia, Brazil
32. Fondation Santé Environnement (FSE), Bamako, Mali
33. Foundation for Empowerment and Human Rights Promotion (FEHRP), Abuja, Nigeria
34. Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR), Washington, D.C., United States of America
35. Foundation for Reference Centers in Innovative Technologies (CERTI Foundation), Florianópolis, Brazil
36. Fresque de la Construction (FDLC), Loos, France
37. Fundación Vovó Del Mangue (FVM), Maragogipe, Brazil
38. Gamarjoba, Tbilisi, Georgia
39. GARI Group, Inc. (GARI), New York, United States of America
40. German Alliance on Climate Change and Health e.V. (KLUG), Berlin, Germany
41. Global Forest Generation (GFG), North Hero, United States of America
42. Global Optimism, Bath, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

43. Gram Unnayon Sangathon (GRAUS), Bandarban Sadar, Bangladesh
44. Grameen Foundation USA (GFUSA), Washington, D.C., United States of America
45. Green Anhui Environmental Protection Center (Green Anhui), Hefei, China
46. Guangzhou Green City Environmental and Cultural Development Center (Green City), Guangzhou, China
47. Habitat Association, Istanbul, Türkiye
48. Health and Global Policy Institute (HGPI), Tokyo, Japan
49. IMPCT gGmbH, Hamburg, Germany
50. Indigo Life Inc., Miami, United States of America
51. Initiative Africaine pour le Développement Durable (IA2D), N'Djamena, Chad
52. Initiative for New Ecological Community Concerns (INECC), Visakhapatnam, India
53. Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (Ifremer), Plouzané, France
54. Instituto Cerrados (IC), Brasília, Brazil
55. International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b), Dhaka, Bangladesh
56. International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC), Muscle Shoals, United States of America
57. International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation (IFRS Foundation), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
58. International Investors Association (YASED), Istanbul, Türkiye
59. Ligue de l'Enseignement, Paris, France¹
60. Living Trees Institute, São Paulo, Brazil
61. Love Binti International Limited (LBI), Kampala, Uganda
62. Madani Berkelanjutan Foundation (Madani), Jakarta, Indonesia
63. Mahila SEWA Trust (MST), Ahmedabad, India
64. Nanning Green Seed Poverty Alleviation Service Center (FSN-China), Nanning, China
65. NCD Alliance (NCDA), Geneva, Switzerland
66. Nigeria Youth Climate Preservation Network (NYCPN), Abuja, Nigeria
67. Northern California Solar Energy Association (NorCal Solar), Orinda, United States of America
68. Office for Climate Education (OCE), Paris, France
69. Open Dialogues International Foundation (ODIF), Bielsko-Biala, Poland²
70. Partnership for Policy Integrity, Inc. (PFPI), Pelham, United States of America
71. PET Environmental Services (PET), Islamabad, Pakistan
72. Petra National Trust (PNT), Amman, Jordan
73. Providence St. Joseph Health, Renton, United States of America³
74. Public Foundation 'UNISON', Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
75. SayTrees Environmental Trust, Bangalore, India
76. Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), Inc. (SEE), Calabasas, United States of America
77. Society of Sustainability and Green Materials (SSGM), Dubai, United Arab Emirates
78. Sustainable Cities Institute (ICS), São Paulo, Brazil
79. Sustainable Finance Institute Asia Limited (SFIA), Singapore
80. Sustainable Pathways Institute, Brasília, Brazil
81. Suzhou Industrial Park Green Jiangnan Public Environmental Concern Center (PECC), Suzhou, China
82. The Planetary Accounting Network, Wanaka, New Zealand
83. The Siam Society under Royal Patronage, Bangkok, Thailand
84. The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
85. Tianjin Eco-city Friend of Green Eco-Culture Promotion Association (Friend of Green (FOG)), Tianjin, China
86. Turkish Green Crescent Society, Istanbul, Türkiye
87. University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, United States of America
88. Xingche Environmental Commonwealth Development Center of Wuhan (Acture), Wuhan, China
89. Youth Care Network (YOUCANET), Garoua, Cameroon
90. Youth Leaders Foundation (YLF), Cairo, Egypt
91. Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, Wuhan, China

¹ A Bureau member communicated that a Party raised an objection to the admission of this organization. This organization has, however, met the admission criteria referred to in para. 4 of this document.

² As footnote 1 above.

³ As footnote 1 above.

Annex II

Admitted observer organizations that notified the secretariat about a name change during the reporting period, between June 2025 and May 2026

[English only]

<i>Former name</i>	<i>New name</i>
Association pour l'Innovation et la Recherche au Service du Climat, Marseille, France	Association Groupe Régional d'Experts sur le Climat en région Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (GREC-SUD), Marseille, France
Christian Blind Mission (United Kingdom) Limited (CBM UK), Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	CBM Global Disability Inclusion Association, Amstelveen, Kingdom of the Netherlands
Conseil de la Jeunesse de la Communauté Française de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium	Forum des Jeunes (FJ), Brussels, Belgium
Foundation People for People, Munich, Germany	Menschen für Menschen Foundation, Munich, Germany
Global Warming Mitigation Project, Aspen, United States of America	Global Warming Mitigation Project dba Climate Curve, Aspen, United States of America
Institute for Conservation and Sustainable Development of Amazonas, Manaus, Brazil	Institute for Conservation and Sustainable Development of the Amazon (Idesam), Manaus, Brazil
International Accreditation Forum, Chelsea, United States of America	Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI), Auckland, New Zealand
MRV Collective, Dover, United States of America	NatureX Foundation, Dover, United States of America
Organisation Camerounaise pour la Protection de l'Arbre, Douala, Cameroon	Organisation Universelle pour la Protection de l'Arbre (OUPA), Douala, Cameroon
Publish What You Pay, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Resource Justice Network (RJN), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
RePlanet France – Les Ecohumanistes, Voreppe, France	EcoHumans, Voreppe, France
Rock Environment and Energy Institute (REEI), Beijing, China	Rock Institute for Global Decarbonization Progress (IGDP), Beijing, China
Sustainable Finance Observatory (SFO), Paris, France	2° investing initiative (2DII), Paris, France
The Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education (COARE), Oakland, United States of America	Coare, Oakland, United States of America
UAE Independent Climate Change Accelerators Ltd., Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	Frontier25, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
U.S. Grains Council, Washington, D.C., United States of America	U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council (USGBC), Washington, D.C., United States of America
World Petroleum Council (WPC), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	WPC Energy, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland