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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 and of 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 23 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. 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. The COP is invited, at the 1st meeting of its twenty-third session, 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-third session of the Conference of the Parties

[English/French/Spanish only]

Intergovernmental organizations

1. Agence Panafricaine de la Grande Muraille Verte (Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall) (PAGGW), Nouakchott, Mauritania
2. Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), Thessaloniki, Greece
3. Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
4. ITER International Fusion Energy Organization (ITER Organization), Saint Paul les Durance, France
5. Nordic Investment Bank (NIB), Helsinki, Finland
6. University for Peace (UPEACE), Ciudad Colón, Costa Rica

Non-governmental organizations

1. Action des Chrétiens Activistes des Droits de l'Homme à Shabunda (ACADHOSHA/asbl), Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Action Planéterre (AP), Aubervilliers, France
3. Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA), Pittsburgh, United States of America
4. Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS Network), Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
5. All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA), New Delhi, India
6. All-China Environment Federation (ACEF), Beijing, China
7. Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations, Copenhagen, Denmark
8. Aotearoa Youth Leadership Institute (AYLI), Auckland, New Zealand
9. Asabe Shehu Yar'adua Foundation (ASYARF), Abuja, Nigeria
10. Asheville-Buncombe Sustainable Community Initiatives, Inc. (The Collider), Asheville, United States of America
11. Asociación La Ruta del Clima, San José, Costa Rica
12. Association Dar Si Hmad for Developpement, Education and Culture (DSH), Agadir, Morocco
13. Association de la Banque Canadienne de Grains Inc. (Canadian Foodgrains Bank Association Inc.), Winnipeg, Canada
14. Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc (ADFM), Casablanca, Morocco
15. Association des Enseignants des Sciences de la Vie et de la Terre (AESVT), Casablanca, Morocco
16. Association des Ingénieurs de l'Ecole Mohammadia (AIEM), Rabat, Morocco
17. Association des Populations des Montagnes du Monde (APMM), Paris, France
18. Association Jeunesse Verte du Cameroun (AJVC), Yaoundé, Cameroon
19. Association Nationale pour l'Evaluation Environnementale (A.N.E.E.), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
20. Australian Rainforest Conservation Society Inc. (ARCS), Milton, Australia
21. Beijing Greenovation Hub for Public Welfare Development (G:HUB), Beijing, China

22. Biovision - Foundation for Ecological Development (BV), Zurich, Switzerland
23. Cardiff University, Cardiff, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
24. Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Pittsburgh, United States of America
25. Center for Carbon Removal (CCR), Berkeley, United States of America
26. Children and Youth International (CYI), East Sussex, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
27. Children's International Summer Villages-Côte d'Ivoire (CISV), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
28. China South Low Carbon Academy (CSLCA), Beijing, China
29. Climate Aid Initiative (ClimateAid), Ikeja, Nigeria
30. Climate and Health Alliance Inc. (CAHA), Melbourne, Australia
31. Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
32. Coalition on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (C-AGG), Falls Church, United States of America
33. Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
34. Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries Onlu (COSPE), Florence, Italy
35. Council for Green Revolution (CGR), Hyderabad, India
36. Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), New Delhi, India
37. Cultural Survival, Inc. (CS), Cambridge, United States of America
38. Danish District Heating Association, Kolding, Denmark
39. DesertNet International (DNI), Illkirch, France
40. Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris (Mines ParisTech), Paris, France
41. Ecolo Info (P2B), Vincennes, France
42. El Ghad Essihi pour le Développement et la Protection de l'Environnement en Mauritanie (EGEDPEM), Nouakchott, Mauritania
43. Energiaklub Climate Policy Institute and Applied Communications Association (Energiaklub), Budapest, Hungary
44. Energy Efficiency Association (ENVERDER), Istanbul, Turkey
45. Espace Point de Départ (ESPOD), Casablanca, Morocco
46. EUROCITIES a.s.b.l., Brussels, Belgium
47. European Heat Pump Association (EHPA), Brussels, Belgium
48. Farm Africa Limited, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
49. Forum des Alternatives Maroc (FMAS), Rabat, Morocco
50. Foundation 2°, Berlin, Germany
51. Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Copenhagen, Denmark
52. Foundation for Renewable Energy and the Environment (FREE), New York, United States of America
53. Foundation for Sustainability, Bonn, Germany
54. Fresh Energy, Saint Paul, United States of America
55. Fundación Despacio, Bogotá, Colombia
56. Fundación Fondo Centroamericano de Mujeres (FCAM), Managua, Nicaragua
57. Fundación PLENITUD, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
58. Future Earth International, Montreal, Canada
59. German Climate Association (DKK), Berlin, Germany

60. German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin, Germany
61. Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation (GIB-Foundation), Basel, Switzerland
62. Grameena Vikas Samithi (GVS), Tirupati, India
63. Grassroots Global Justice (GGJ), North Miami, United States of America
64. Green Budget International (GBI), Brussels, Belgium
65. Green Planet (GREENPLANET), Kalol, India
66. Green Renewable Independent Power Producer (GRIPP) Inc. doing business under the brand name of Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (iCSC), Quezon City, Philippines
67. Griffith University (Griffith), Brisbane, Australia
68. Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF), Geneva, Switzerland
69. Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Benin City, Nigeria
70. Human Rights Foundation Aotearoa New Zealand (HRF), Auckland, New Zealand
71. IDEAS for Us, Inc. (IDEAS), Orlando, United States of America
72. ifo Institute – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich e.V. (ifo Institute), Munich, Germany
73. Indiana University (IU), Bloomington, United States of America
74. Indigenous Information Network (IIN), Nairobi, Kenya
75. Innovations Bleues, Saint-Herblain, France
76. Institute for Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding (ICP), Bern, Switzerland
77. International Accreditation Forum, Inc. (IAF), Chelsea, Canada
78. International Association for the Protection of the Intellectual Property (Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle) (AIPPI), Zurich, Switzerland
79. International Climate Dialogue e.V. (ICD), Hamburg, Germany
80. International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), Copenhagen, Denmark
81. International Peatland Society (IPS), Jyväskylä, Finland
82. Japan Water Forum (JWF), Tokyo, Japan
83. La Brique (ALB), Kara, Togo
84. Margaret Pyke Trust, with the Population & Sustainability Network (MPT/ PSN), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
85. Mom Loves Taiwan Association, Taiwan Province of China
86. Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF), Lekki, Nigeria
87. North American Energy Standards Board, Inc. (NAESB), Houston, United States of America
88. Notre Affaire à Tous, Paris, France
89. Oasis, Belgrade, Serbia
90. Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Delhi, India
91. Office International de la Viande (IMS), Paris, France
92. ONG Change Human's Life (CHL), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
93. OpenTeam (OT), Paris, France
94. Organisation pour le Respect de l'Environnement dans l'Entreprise (OREE), Paris, France
95. Partenariat Français pour l'Eau (PFE), Nanterre, France
96. Partnership for Governance Reform (The Partnership), Jakarta, Indonesia
97. Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans Society (POGO), Dartmouth, Canada

98. Parvati, Richmond, Canada
 99. Peace Boat Disaster Relief Volunteer Center (PBV), Tokyo, Japan
 100. Point Reyes Bird Observatory (Point Blue), Petaluma, United States of America
 101. Public Health Institute (PHI), Oakland, United States of America
 102. Refugees International, Washington, United States of America
 103. Renewables Grid Initiative e.V. (RGI), Berlin, Germany
 104. RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia
 105. Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences in Shanxi (SXRCEE), Taiyuan, China
 106. Réseau des Aires Protégées d'Afrique Centrale (RAPAC), Libreville, Gabon
 107. Results Education, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 108. Reusa Misión Planeta, A.C., Iztapalapa, Mexico
 109. Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), Zurich, Switzerland
 110. Rural Development Institute (Landesa), Seattle, United States of America
 111. Sahkar Social Welfare Association (SSWA), Larkana, Pakistan
 112. Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN), Kampala, Uganda
 113. Sustainable Energy for All Association for Sustainable Energy (SE4ALL Association), Vienna, Austria
 114. Terre et Humanisme Maroc (THM), Casablanca, Morocco
 115. The ADM Capital Foundation Limited (ADMCF), Hong Kong, China
 116. The Association for Coastal Ecosystem Services (ACES), Dunbar, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 117. The Japan Gas Association (JGA), Tokyo, Japan
 118. Université Cadi Ayyad de Marrakech (UCA), Marrakech, Morocco
 119. Université de Brest (UBO), Brest, France
 120. Université de Sherbrooke (Sherbrooke University), Sherbrooke, Canada
 121. Université Mohammed V de Rabat (UM5R), Rabat, Morocco
 122. University of Exeter, Exeter, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 123. University of Hawaii (UH), Honolulu, United States of America
 124. University of Leuven (KU Leuven), Leuven, Belgium
 125. University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE), Modena, Italy
 126. University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill, United States of America
 127. University of Notre Dame du Lac, South Bend, United States of America
 128. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, United States of America
 129. Wageningen University (WUR), Wageningen, Netherlands
 130. WaterAid, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 131. WeForest asbl (WF asbl), Overijse, Belgium
 132. World Young Women's Christian Association (Alliance Mondiale des Unions Chrétiennes Féminines) (World YWCA), Le Grand-Saconnex, Switzerland
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