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## MESSAGE TO PARTIES AND OBSERVER STATES

### Nomination of candidates for appointment to the Consultative Group of Experts

This is to inform Parties and observer states to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement that at its the thirtieth session, the Conference of the Parties (COP), adopted in its decision the term, composition and terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts,<sup>1</sup> noting that members shall be nominated by their respective regional groups:

- a) Two from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
- b) Six from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, noting that these seats shall be equally distributed among the three regional groups of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention referred to in paragraph 3(d–e) and (g) below;
- c) One from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention from Eastern European States;
- d) Three from African States;
- e) Three from Asia-Pacific States;
- f) One from Eastern European States;
- g) Three from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- h) Three from Western European and other States;
- i) One from the least developed countries;
- j) One from small island developing States.

**Distribution:** To Parties and observer states through their national focal points, Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York, and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.

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<sup>1</sup> Advance version [here](#).



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The COP also decided that the provisions in this decision and the revised terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts will become effective on 1 January 2026. Based on this composition, Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies are invited to appoint members to the Consultative Group of Experts as early as possible, but no later than **28 February 2026**. Kindly also note that the first meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts in 2026 is tentatively scheduled for the first week of March.

Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies should transmit these appointments to the UNFCCC secretariat via the UNFCCC Electoral Nomination Portal.

For any questions or further information on these appointments and their transmission via the UNFCCC Electoral Nomination Portal, please contact the secretariat at: [unfcccelections@unfccc.int](mailto:unfcccelections@unfccc.int).

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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