

Decision 15/COP.3

Roster of independent experts

The Conference of the Parties,

Having reviewed the proposed roster of independent experts prepared by the secretariat in accordance with decision 13/COP.2, based on submissions from Parties through diplomatic channels,

Noting the efforts made by the secretariat to ensure that the roster is available in electronic form as well as through the regular channels of the United Nations system,

1. *Invites* Parties to supplement their submissions to the secretariat for inclusion in the roster, with the aim, in particular, of:

(a) Making the roster more balanced in terms of gender;

(b) Ensuring better representation of all relevant disciplines;

2. *Invites* Parties which have not yet submitted nominations of experts for the roster, including full mailing and e-mail addresses, to do so before 30 June 2000;

3. *Further invites* Parties to report to the secretariat before 30 June 2000 on the use that they have made of the roster;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to ensure that an updated roster is made available in electronic form, as appropriate;

5. *Also requests* the secretariat to inform the Committee on Science and Technology at its fourth session concerning the use that has been made of the roster;

6. *Approves* the amended list of disciplines contained in the annex to this decision;

7. *Further requests* the secretariat to distribute a paper copy of the roster to Parties on an annual basis.

*11th plenary
25 November 1999*

Annex

LIST OF DISCIPLINES FOR ROSTER OF EXPERTS

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Example</u>
Agricultural	horticulture, agricultural engineering, entomology
Animal science	veterinary science, livestock management
Anthropology and sociology	palaeontology, rural sociology, gender studies
Atmospheric science	meteorology, climatology
Ecology	population ecology, restoration ecology
Economics	finance, trade
Education	training and extension
Geography	cartography
Geology	mining, petroleum engineering
Hydrology	irrigation
Information systems	database management, geographic information systems (GIS)
Medical science	public health
Natural resource management	forestry, biodiversity conservation, land-use planning
Physical science	chemistry, physics
Plant science	botany, plant genetics
Political science	law, administration
Soil science	soil chemistry, soil physics
Other	all disciplines not included above

Guidelines

1. To maintain consistency, the roster should only use disciplines from the list.
2. "Other" covers any disciplines not on the list.
3. The analysis of disciplines should examine the first discipline list for each person.
4. In addition, the roster should also list specialization and geographic focus for each person.