

Decision 23/COP.10

Roster of independent experts

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 24, paragraph 2, of the Convention,

Recalling also decision 21/COP.9,

Having reviewed the report contained in document ICCD/COP(10)/22,

Recognizing the need to improve the quality of services provided to Parties in order to enhance the implementation of the Convention in line with the provisions of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy),

Noting the increasing need to involve the scientific community in the implementation of The Strategy and of activities in the work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology,

Acknowledging the ongoing efforts made by the secretariat to update the roster of independent experts based on nominations submitted by Parties,

1. *Invites* Parties to revise and update the details of existing national experts, and to propose new candidates for the roster in order to achieve better representation of all relevant disciplines, including traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices, and of women, and a more balanced geographical distribution of non-governmental organizations;
2. *Urges* Parties that have not yet nominated experts for the roster to do so, as they deem necessary, and provide full postal and e-mail addresses, through regular diplomatic channels, no later than six months before the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology to review the current list of disciplines, taking into account the Proposed International Standard Nomenclature for Fields of Science and Technology³⁹ as well as the lists of disciplines used by the Parties at national level, and to update the list with new disciplines, including traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices, as needed;
4. *Further requests* the Committee on Science and Technology to present an updated list for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session;
5. *Directs* the secretariat to set up web-based facilities to ease the process of updating the roster of independent experts;

³⁹ See <unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0008/000829/082946EB.pdf>.

6. *Requests* the secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session on progress made in implementing this decision.

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