Preparatory meeting for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement (pre-COP)

Secretariat of the Escazú Agreement
Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC
6 March 2023
Agenda

1. Nominations to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance
2. Review of accepted nominations
3. Preparation of the roster
4. Dialogue with candidates
5. COP2 Organization of work
6. Other matters
Article 18 of the Agreement - Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance

1. Subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties
2. Consultative, transparent, non-adversarial, non-judicial and non-punitive
3. To review compliance with the provisions of the Agreement and formulate recommendations
   i. Ensuring the significant participation of the public
   ii. Paying particular attention to the national capacities and circumstances of the Parties
4. First meeting of the COP determined the rules relating to the structure and functions of the Committee
“SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES”: 
“I. Agrees to convene an extraordinary meeting, to be held in Argentina, tentatively on 20 and 21 April 2023, in order to elect the inaugural members of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance and consider any other matter decided by the Parties;”

The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, extraordinary meeting, will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, between April 19 and 21, 2023.
1. Nominations to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance

- The Secretariat published the call for nominations to the Committee on 15 September 2022.
- The same recalled the criteria for submitting applications as well as the nomination and election procedures, as set forth in the Committee's rules relating to its structure and functions.
- The call contained a nomination form and an affidavit.
- The period for submitting nominations was three months, ending on 15 December 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Santiago time. (3 months)
- A total of 49 nominations were received from 15 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Of these, 48 were admitted and one was not admitted because it was received after the deadline.
- All nominations were published on 19 January 2023 at the Escazu Agreement's website.
1. Nominations to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance

Total received (*): **49** from **15 nationalities**

(*) One nomination was rejected because it was submitted after the deadline
2. Review of accepted nominations

Rules II.1, II.2, II.3 and II.4:

- The Committee is composed of seven members
- Serving in their personal capacity

The members of the Committee shall be:

1. Persons of high moral standing,
2. With recognized competence in access rights or other matters of the Agreement.
3. They shall be nationals of or residents in the countries set out in annex I to the Agreement
4. Be independent from the executive, legislative or judicial powers of such countries.

In the election of the members of the Committee, the following shall be considered (II.3):

1. Equitable geographical distribution of membership
2. Gender parity
3. Legal knowledge and experience

No more than one Committee member may be of the same nationality.
2. Review of accepted nominations

- The Presiding Officers requested the Secretariat to prepare a spreadsheet of the nominations with the following fields*:
  - Name
  - Country of nationality
  - Country of residence
  - Gender
  - Age
  - Fulfillment of the independence criterion
  - Experience in public body
  - Current position
  - Competence in access rights and Escazú Agreement matters
  - Legal knowledge and experience
  - Academic background
  - Years of relevant experience
  - Compliance with moral standing criteria
  - Time availability
  - Languages
  - Information on travel and assistance
  - Relevant publications

*According to the rules relating the structure and functions and the terms and conditions of the call for proposals.
3. Preparation of the roster

- According to the Rules, from the applications received, the PO shall prepare a roster of up to 10 candidates for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

- The PO shall invite the elected representatives of the public to participate in a meeting and consult them regarding the roster. (8 February 2023)

- The PO may request additional information from the candidates, as well as invite them to interviews, dialogues or public hearings.

- The roster shall be published no later than 8 weeks before the opening of the meeting of the COP2 (23 February 2023).
3. Preparation of the roster of candidates

- The Chair held informal consultations with the Vice-Chairs to reach a draft proposal.
- The list is composed of five men and five women, of ten nationalities from Annex 1 countries of the Agreement.
- There are three representatives from Central America and Mexico, three from the Caribbean and four from South America.
- They currently correspond to five States Parties and five non-Parties.
- The list has been numbered in alphabetical order of surnames.
# ROSTER OF CANDIDATES

1. Acuña, Guillermo Eduardo (Chile)  
2. Blengio Valdés, Mariana (Uruguay)  
3. Born, Rubens Harry (Brazil)  
4. Carrillo Fuentes, Juan Carlos (Mexico)  
5. Joseph-Olivetti, Rita Leonette (Grenada)  
6. Madrigal Cordero, Patricia (Costa Rica)  
7. Mitchell, Gavern Sherva (Trinidad and Tobago)  
8. Napoli, Andrés María (Argentina)  
9. Stephens, Carole Denise Angela (Jamaica)  
10. Wing Solís, Félix (Panama)
4. Dialogue with candidates
5. Organization of work

PROVISIONAL AGENDA COP2 2023

1. Organizational matters
   - Adoption of the agenda
   - Credentials of States Parties

2. Election of the members of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance

3. Other matters

4. Decisions adopted
Process for electing members of the Committee

- From the roster of candidates, the Conference of the Parties shall elect the members of the Committee by **consensus**.
- If consensus cannot be reached, the Conference of the Parties shall elect such members by simple majority of the Parties present and voting, by **secret ballot**.
- Once the COP has elected the 7 members, the Presidency shall proceed to designate by lot the three members whose term of office shall be six years.
- This election as well as the result of the lot will be reflected in a decision to be approved by the COP.
6. Other matters

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Buenos Aires, 19-21 April 2023

Check out the roster of candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance of the Escazú Agreement

The programme will be announced during the following days.

VENUE OF THE MEETING

Hotel Libertador
Avenida Córdoba 690
Buenos Aires 1054
Argentina
Segunda reunión de la Conferencia de las Partes del Acuerdo de Escazú / Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement

19–21 de abril de 2023
America/Argentina/Buenos Aires zona horaria

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Buenos Aires, 19-21 April 2023

Event Information

The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement, an extraordinary meeting, will take place from 19 to 21 April 2023 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in an in-person format.

Live streaming will be available

CREDENTIALS OF PARTIES

In order to take part in decision-making at the meeting, parties must be accredited. Credentials for the head of a delegation, alternate representatives and advisers are issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Information regarding any change in the composition of the delegation should be submitted using the same procedure.

Parties are invited to submit electronic versions of credentials by Wednesday, 6 April 2023, to facilitate the clearance process. Electronic copies of credentials can be sent to secretaria.escazu@cepal.org

Samples of credentials are available in Spanish (.doc) and English (.doc).
Side events

With the aim of providing spaces to share knowledge, build capacities, establish networks and exchange experiences in matters related to the Escazú Agreement, the Secretariat offers the possibility of requesting official side events in the framework of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, extraordinary meeting, to be held between 19 and 21 April 2023, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Considering the physical space constraints at the meeting, all side events organized in the framework of the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement will be virtual.

The call for side events will be open from 23 February to 16 March 2023. Please use the application form of this call to request an event. Each organizer may request only one event.
Working documents

Documents

**WORKING DOCUMENTS**

- **Escazú Agreement**
  - UN Symbol: LC/PUB.2018/8/*

- **Provisional agenda**
  - UN Symbol: LC/COP-EZ.2/1

- **Roster of Candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance**
  - UN Symbol: LC/COP-EZ.2/DDR/1

**MAIN DOCUMENT**

- **Escazú Agreement**
  - UN Symbol: LC/PUB.2018/8/*

**DOCUMENTS BY TYPE**

- All documents
- Working documents
- Reference documents
- Decisions
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