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## Call for nominations for the IPBES Committee on Conflicts of Interest from the Asia-Pacific Group

Dear IPBES Members,

The IPBES Bureau invites IPBES Members to nominate candidates from the **Asia-Pacific Group** for election to the IPBES Committee on Conflicts of Interest.

The IPBES Plenary adopted the conflict-of-interest policy and implementation procedures at its third session (annex II to decision IPBES-3/3). The overall purpose of this policy is to protect the legitimacy, integrity and credibility of the Platform and its deliverables as well as confidence in its activities and in individuals who are directly involved in the preparation of its reports and other deliverables.

The Committee on Conflicts of Interest was constituted in 2015, following the third session of the Plenary, in accordance with rule 10 of the conflict-of-interest policy and implementation procedures. The Committee comprises three elected members from the Bureau, including one of the Bureau vice-chairs as chair, and five members, one per United Nations region (African Group; Asia-Pacific Group; Eastern European Group; Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC); and Western European and Others Group (WEOG)) together with one additional member with appropriate legal expertise from, and appointed by, the organization hosting the secretariat.

The current membership of the committee was selected by the Bureau in September 2020 following a call for nominations ([EM/2020/16](#)). **In March 2021, the member from the Asia-Pacific region resigned, and with the present call the Bureau invites nominations to fill the vacant position.**

The Committee is currently composed of the following members:

### 3 Bureau members:

- Douglas Beard (United States of America), Chair
- Vinod Mathur (India)
- Rashad Allahverdiyev (Azerbaijan)

### 5 members, one per UN region:

- George Owusu Essegbey (Ghana)
- Alla Aleksanyan (Armenia)
- Raúl Gutiérrez Patiño (Mexico)
- Maria Alexandra Aragão (Portugal)

- *Vacant (Asia-Pacific)*

1 legal counsel: Stadler Trengove, Principal Legal Officer, Law Division, UNEP, serving as the “additional member with appropriate legal expertise from, and appointed by, the organization hosting the secretariat” (rule 10).

Nominations should be made by completing the nomination form at <https://ipbes.net/nomination-coi-2021>, including the submission of a curriculum vitae of the nominee, by **30 September 2021**. Early nominations ahead of the deadline are encouraged.

I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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