

# **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE OF THE ESCAZÚ AGREEMENT**

## **1. Background**

Article 18.1 of the [Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean \(Escazú Agreement\)](#) establishes a Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance as a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to promote the implementation of the Agreement and to support the Parties in that regard.

The Committee is of a consultative and transparent nature, non-adversarial, non-judicial and non-punitive and shall review compliance of the provisions of the Agreement and formulate recommendations, ensuring the significant participation of the public and paying particular attention to the national capacities and circumstances of the Parties.

At its first meeting, held in Santiago on 20–22 April 2022, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules relating to the structure and functions of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance ([decision I/3](#)). These rules provide that the Committee shall be composed of seven members, who shall serve in their personal capacity. The members of the Committee shall serve ad honorem, without remuneration. The rules also contain the procedure for the selection of the members of the Committee.

By virtue of decision I/5, it was agreed that the first members of the Committee will be elected at the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in April 2023 in Argentina.

## **2. Submission of candidacies**

In accordance with Rule II on the structure and functions of the Committee, any person meeting the following criteria may nominate him or herself to the Committee:

- Be a national of or a resident of the countries set out in annex I to the Agreement<sup>1</sup>
- Be independent from the executive, legislative or judicial powers of such countries
- Be a person of high moral standing
- Have recognized competence in access rights or other matters covered by the Agreement

In addition, time availability for the proper performance of duties is estimated to be at least three months (90 days) per year, which includes face-to-face and virtual meetings, preparatory work and, if necessary, travel.

Members of the Committee shall serve ad honorem, without salary. Travel expenses incurred by Committee members in the exercise of their functions shall be covered by the Secretariat, in accordance with United Nations rules, and subject to the availability of resources, including from the Voluntary Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

There will be **a period of three months (between 15 September and 15 December 2022, 11:59 p.m. Chilean time)** to submit applications. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

### **3. Nomination**

All applications received will be published on the website of the Escazú Agreement (<https://www.cepal.org/en/escazuagreement>).

In accordance with article II.5.b of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, the Presiding Officers shall prepare a roster of up to 10 candidates from among the applications received, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. The Presiding Officers shall invite the elected representatives of the public to participate in a meeting and consult them regarding the roster, prior to preparing the roster for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

In order to prepare this roster, the Presiding Officers may request additional information from the candidates, as well as invite them to interviews, dialogues or public hearings, with advance notice of at least seven days.

The roster of up to 10 candidates shall be published no later than eight weeks before the opening of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties scheduled for 20-21 April 2023.

### **4. Election**

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. The Committee shall elect one Chair and two Vice-Chairs to serve as officers of the Committee.

In the election of the members of the Committee, the following shall be considered: equitable geographical distribution of membership, gender parity and legal knowledge and experience. No more than one Committee member may be of the same nationality.

### **5. Assumption of duties**

The term of office of the first members of the Committee shall begin at the conclusion of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties scheduled to be held on 20–21 April 2023.

The term of office of Committee members shall be four years, renewable for another four years. However, of the members elected at the first election, three shall be chosen by lot to serve a term of six years. Immediately after the first election, the Chair of the Conference of the Parties shall draw by lot these three members.

Every member of the Committee shall, before taking up his or her duties, make a declaration in an open session of the Committee, as follows, "I solemnly declare that I will perform my functions as member of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance honestly, independently, impartially and conscientiously".

For further details on the mandate, please refer to the Rules relating to the structure and functions of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance adopted by virtue of [decision I/3](#).

## 6. Nominations

To demonstrate compliance with the above requirements, interested candidates must send the following documents to the Escazú Agreement Secretariat at [secretaria.escazu@cepal.org](mailto:secretaria.escazu@cepal.org) by 15 December 2022, 11:59 pm Chile time:

1. Nomination form (Annex 1)
2. Passport, ID card or residence permit.
3. Affidavit (Annex 2) stating:
  - Independence from the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the countries listed in annex I;
  - Commitment to comply with the duties and functions set out in decision I/3; and
  - The information submitted is reliable and any falsehood or intentional omission will result in disqualification.

**ANNEX 1**  
**NOMINATION FORM**  
**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AND**  
**COMPLIANCE OF THE ESCAZÚ AGREEMENT**

**ALL FORMS RECEIVED WILL BE PUBLISHED**

**PLEASE SEND TO [secretaria.escazu@cepal.org](mailto:secretaria.escazu@cepal.org) by 15 December 2022**  
**(11:59 pm Santiago, Chile time)**

**a. Personal details**

(1) Full name:

(2) Date of birth (day/month/year):

(3) Nationality: indicate if you have more than one and whether you have initiated legal procedures to acquire new nationalities. If you have multiple nationalities of the countries listed in annex 1 of the Escazú Agreement, indicate which is to be considered the main nationality for the purposes of your nomination.

(4) Country of residence:

(5) Email address for communications with the Secretariat:

Include a photo if  
desired

**b. Languages: please indicate whether you are fluent in at least one of the working languages of the Escazú Agreement, English or Spanish, both oral and written. Knowledge of other languages of the region would be an asset.**

Level of Spanish:

Oral:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>
Written:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>

Level of English:

Oral:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>
Written:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>

Other language: please indicate here \_\_\_\_\_

Oral:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>
Written:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>

Other language: please indicate here \_\_\_\_\_

Oral:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>
Written:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>

Other language: please indicate here \_\_\_\_\_

Oral:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>
Written:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced: <input type="checkbox"/>	First language: <input type="checkbox"/>

**C. Statement of motivation for applying** (600–1,000 words maximum)

**D. Time availability:** please explain your time availability and commitment to perform the functions of the Committee, i.e. at least three months (90 days) per year (100 words maximum).

**E. Recognized competence in access rights or other matters covered by the Agreement:** Please explain how you meet this requirement (600 words maximum).

**F. Legal experience and knowledge:** Please explain if you have legal experience and knowledge (300 words maximum).

G. Academic background			
Degree	Institution	Place	Year

H. Relevant employment		
Name of employer, functional title or position, and functions	Years of work	Place

**I. Independence from the executive, legislative and judicial powers of the State:** please indicate how you meet the requirement of being independent from the executive, legislative and judicial powers of the annex 1 countries of the Escazú Agreement (100 words maximum).

**J. Ethics and integrity**

(1) Do you have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that could limit, weaken, or bias the performance of your duties? If so, please explain.

(2) Are there any factors that may directly or indirectly influence, pressure, jeopardize or otherwise affect your ability to act independently in exercising your duties? If so, please explain.

(3) Is there any reason, current or past, that could call into question your moral standing and credibility, or do you hold any views or opinions that might prejudice the way in which you discharge your mandate? If so, please explain.

**K. Publications:** please mention your participation, and explain what capacity, in any publications on access rights or other matters related to the Escazú Agreement (list the five most relevant).



**L. Travel and assistance:**

(1) Do you have any limitations for travelling during the performance of your mandate? If so, please explain.

(2) Do you require any special assistance to perform the duties of this position? If so, please explain.

**M. References:** please provide three references that can attest to your experience and competence in the matters of the Escazú Agreement (these individuals may be contacted during the selection process).

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2. Full name:	Position:	Contact details:
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3. Full name:	Position:	Contact details:
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**ANNEX 2**  
**AFFIDAVIT**

In (city, country) \_\_\_\_\_, on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, I (full name as stated in the identity document) \_\_\_\_\_, (ID or passport number) \_\_\_\_\_, domiciled at \_\_\_\_\_, declare for the purposes of my candidacy as a member of the Committee to Support the Implementation and Compliance of the Escazú Agreement that:

1. I have read and understood the call and requirements for the nomination of members of the Committee to Support the implementation and Compliance of the Escazú Agreement.
2. I am not affected by the impediment referred to in article II.2 of decision I/3 on the Rules relating to the structure and functions of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance of the Escazu Agreement, i.e. I am independent of the executive, legislative and judicial powers during the exercise of the mandate.
3. If selected, I will perform the duties and functions of the Committee to Support the implementation and Compliance as set out in decision I/3 with dedication, honestly, independently, impartially and conscientiously.
4. I am aware that failure to comply with this affidavit or providing false information in it will result in the disqualification of my candidacy from the process or the invalidation of my appointment by the Conference of the Parties should I be elected.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_