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IOTC CIRCULAR 2022–29

Dear Madam / Sir

INVITATION TO THE 10TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA 20-23 JUNE 2022

I have the honour to extend to you an invitation to participate in the upcoming meeting of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC10).

The meeting will be face to face for CPCs only

The Commission has expressed a strong desire to resume face-to-face meetings, to the extent the COVID-19 pandemic will allow. To this end, S26 and its associated meetings and TCAC10 are being held in Seychelles, but physical participation has to be restricted.

TCAC10 will be held at the [Eden Bleu Hotel](#) on Eden Island.

Given Government social distancing requirements and hotel limitations, only CPCs will be permitted to participate from inside the meeting room, and there will be only one Head of Delegation and one Alternate in the meeting room at any one time.

All other members of a delegation and observers will be required to participate by videoconference (Zoom).

Meeting Participation fund (for developing IOTC Contracting Party Members only)

The participation of up to two representatives from developing Members of the IOTC may be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF).

The applications for the MPF, must be received by the IOTC Secretariat (iotc-secretariat@fao.org) no later than 45 days before the start of the meeting i.e. midnight Friday 6 May Seychelles time.

Applications must include:

- i) an official nomination letter
- ii) the contact details of the nominee (with a copy of his/her passport).

The rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund as well as guidelines for applying to the MPF can be found in Appendix VIII of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (click [here](#)).

Credentials

In accordance with Rule III of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014), official credentials are required to participate in the meetings. For your convenience, a draft letter of credentials (from Appendix I of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, 2014) is available [here](#).

Contracting Parties & Cooperating Non-contracting Parties (CPCs)

Rule III.1 of the IOTC Rules of Procedure states: "Such Letter of Credentials shall conform to the standard set out in Appendix I." Please also refer to [IOTC Circular 2021-49](#) on the content of Credentials.

Distribution

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The Credentials are requested to be sent no later than 15 days before each meeting to iotc-secretariat@fao.org. Only credentialed individuals will receive a Zoom link to join the meetings.

Invited Experts and Observers

IOTC Observers and Invited Experts are also requested to submit a similar Letter of Credentials indicating who will receive the Zoom link. The credentials should also include the email address and contact phone number for each recipient. Credentials are requested no later than 15 days before each meeting to iotc-secretariat@fao.org.

Further information

Version 4 of the Allocation Regime will be available by 8 May 2022 for consideration and discussion during the meeting. I encourage delegations to take advantage of the time until the June TCAC10 meeting to meet inter-sessionally, bilaterally or in smaller groups, on more difficult issues, to see if compromises can be made, and progress can be achieved. I remain available should delegations wish for me to chair or mediate such meetings.

Information concerning the meeting, including the agenda, other meeting documents, and Zoom instructions will be posted on the IOTC website TCAC10 meeting page [\[click here\]](#).

Yours sincerely

Nadia Bouffard



TCAC Chairperson