

IPSI Steering Committee (SC) Rotation 2026

General Assembly, IPSI-10 Global Conference

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Background

The IPSI Operational Guidelines states in Chapter 3.3 that “The Steering Committee shall be composed of at least 11 and not more than 22 representatives from IPSI members. Steering Committee members shall serve two IPSI General Assembly terms which shall be renewable. Rotation of Steering Committee members shall be encouraged in principle.”

The last Steering Committee (SC) rotation took place in 2019 at the Eighth IPSI Global Conference (IPSI-8) held in Kumamoto, Japan. At that time, nine organizations left and six new members joined.

According to the Operational Guidelines, the next rotation shall take place on the Tenth Global Conference of IPSI (IPSI-10), which is now taking place in ESPOCH, Riobamba, Ecuador.

Rotation Process

A member-focused process was developed, based on the 2016 and 2019 rotations.

1. IPSI Secretariat **asked current SC members** if they were interested in staying in the SC or stepping down.
 2. IPSI Secretariat **asked all IPSI members** for expression of interest in joining the SC. **Two recommendation letters** from other IPSI members were requested for each of the organizations expressing interest.
 3. IPSI Secretariat **examined prospective SC members' proposals** to determine their contributions to the priorities for SC membership as stated in the Operational Guidelines, which are:
 - substantive activities related to the Satoyama Initiative, as well as Collaborative Activities of IPSI;
 - strong links to national/sub-national and regional partnerships;
 - capacity to actively participate in the operation of IPSI as the Steering Committee members; and
 - ability to identify and develop potential windows and mechanisms to finance the implementation of IPSI-related projects and activities - Moreover, among other factors such as whether prospective members were suitable replacements for current members who have already served two terms, in terms of the geographical and organization-type balance, active participation and collaboration with IPSI and the Secretariat are considered.
4. IPSI Secretariat **developed a proposal for rotation and then consulted with the SC Chair.**
 5. The proposal is **presented for consideration by the General Assembly at IPSI-10.**

SC Candidates

In July-August 2025, expression of interest in joining the SC were received from 27 IPSI member organizations consist of the current SC members (appointed at IPSI-8) and the new candidates.

- **Current SC members (14)**
- **New candidates (13)**



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Proposed SC Members for IPSI-10 General Assembly

Through this process, the Secretariat proposal for the new IPSI Steering Committee to be inaugurated at the IPSI-10 General Assembly is:

1. Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ)
2. United Nations University (UNU)
3. Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
4. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
5. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat
6. Ghana National Biodiversity Board
7. Conservation Solutions Afrika
8. Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas (MEPA) Trust
9. University of Georgia, Neotropical Montology Collaboratory
10. Sabah Biodiversity Centre, Natural Resources Office Sabah, Malaysia
11. Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research (PAR)
12. Asociación Pro Desarrollo Agroindustrial de Camana (APAIC)
13. University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Science
14. Forest People Programme (FPP)
15. Comunità dei Grani Antichi Montespertoli (Ancient Grains Association) – **New SC member**
16. VICAM: Vicuñas, Camélidos y Ambiente – **New SC member**
17. National Dong Hwa University – **New SC member**
18. Social Policy Ecology Research Institute (SPERI) – **New SC member**
19. Tribhuvan University, Amrit Campus, Institute of Science & Technology – **New SC member**

Proposed SC Members for IPSI-10

Through this process, the Secretariat proposal for the new IPSI Steering Committee to be inaugurated at the IPSI-10 General Assembly is:

	Africa	Asia/Pacific	Latin America and the Caribbean	Eastern Europe	Western Europe and Other Countries
National / Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghana National Biodiversity Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of the Environment, Japan Sabah Biodiversity Centre, Natural Resources Office Sabah, Malaysia 			
NGO and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Solutions Afrika 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) National Dong Hwa University Social Policy Ecology Research Institute Tribhuvan University, Amrit Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association for the Agroindustry Development in Camana (APAIC) Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas (MEPA) Trust VICAM: Vicuñas, Camélidos y Ambiente 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest Peoples Programme University of Georgia Neotropical Montology Collaboratory Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research (PAR) Ancient Grains Association
UN / Inter-governmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations University (UNU) 				

Outgoing and New SC Members (Proposed)

These proposed 19 IPSI member organizations consider 5 new members to rotate in and 4 current SC members to rotate out.

New SC members:

1. Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ)
2. United Nations University (UNU)
3. Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
4. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
5. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat
6. Ghana National Biodiversity Board
7. Conservation Solutions Afrika
8. Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas (MEPA) Trust
9. University of Georgia, Neotropical Montology Collaboratory
10. Sabah Biodiversity Centre
11. Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research (PAR)
12. Asociación Pro Desarrollo Agroindustrial de Camana (APAIC)
13. University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Science
14. Forest People Programme (FPP)
15. Comunità dei Grani Antichi Montespertoli (Ancient Grains Association) – **Rotate in**
16. VICAM: Vicuñas, Camélidos y Ambiente – **Rotate in**
17. National Dong Hwa University – **Rotate in**
18. Social Policy Ecology Research Institute (SPERI) – **Rotate in**
19. Tribhuvan University, Amrit Campus, Institute of Science & Technology – **Rotate in**

Current SC members:

1. Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ)
2. United Nations University (UNU)
3. Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
4. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
5. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat
6. Ghana National Biodiversity Board
7. Conservation Solutions Afrika
8. Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas (MEPA) Trust
9. University of Georgia, Neotropical Montology Collaboratory
10. Sabah Biodiversity Centre
11. Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research (PAR)
12. Asociación Pro Desarrollo Agroindustrial de Camana (APAIC)
13. University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Science
14. Forest People Programme (FPP)
15. Conservation International Japan – **Rotate out**
16. Kathmandu Forestry College (KAFCOL) – **Rotate out**
17. Nature and Livelihoods – **Rotate out**
18. Ministry of Environment, Cambodia – **Rotate out**

Thank You!

