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Recommendations on selection of candidates for the training programmes

1. The Legal and Technical Commission met to advise the Secretary-General on the selection of candidates for the training programmes proposed by the China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association, Tonga Offshore Mining Limited and the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of the Federal Republic of Germany, pursuant to their contracts with the International Seabed Authority for exploration. A total of eight training places had been made available in 2013 by the above-mentioned contractors.
2. It is noted that, upon receipt of the above proposals on training programmes, the secretariat circulated by note verbale the proposals to all members of the Authority. Members of the Authority were each invited to submit nominations for up to two candidates for each training place not later than 30 June 2013. A total of 30 applications from 13 countries were received by that date.
3. It is recalled that, in February 2012, the secretariat prepared an information flyer on the anticipated future training opportunities and disseminated the flyer to all member States and interested parties. Interested candidates were invited to submit expressions of their interest to the secretariat. As at 24 May 2013, a total of 37 applications had been received, with 15 of the applicants expressing interest in at-sea training. Since it is expected that over 20 training opportunities will become available in the foreseeable future, the Commission recommends that the roster of suitable candidates be kept up to date in order to match applicants with opportunities.
4. It is recommended that up to 16 candidates be selected for the eight training places, in the event that the first-ranked candidates do not accept the training, or advise at short notice of their inability to take part.
5. At its meeting on 8 July 2013, the Commission appointed a subgroup from its membership to carry out an initial review and appraisal of the applications and to report back to the full Commission. In selecting candidates, the Commission considered and applied the relative regulations, as well as the principles, policies, guidelines and procedures applicable to the training programmes.



6. Following detailed consideration of all the applications received, based on the criteria of academic qualifications, age and language skills, as well as professional experience, their reasons for seeking training and how the training would benefit the nominating Government, and also considering equitable geographic representation, the Commission, after a full discussion, recommends the following eight first-ranked candidates and eight alternate candidates, ranked by preference, for the respective training programmes (see annex).

Annex

First-ranked and alternate candidates for training programmes

China Ocean Mineral Resources R & D Association training programme

First-ranked candidates:

1. Dieudonne Tchokona Seuwui (Cameroon)
2. Gerald Mwila (Zambia)
3. Tearinaki Tanielu (Kiribati)
4. Analia Veronica Serra (Argentina)

Alternates:

1. Apichai Kanchanapant (Thailand)
2. Tiena Rongo (Cook Islands)
3. Apitida Wasuwatcharapong (Thailand)
4. Robert Kibiwot (Kenya)

Tonga Offshore Mining Limited training programme

First-ranked candidates:

1. Dody Darmawan (Indonesia)
2. Paul Poloka (Papua New Guinea)

Alternates:

1. Syed Waseem Haider (Pakistan)
2. Benjamine Titus (Vanuatu)

Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of the Federal Republic of Germany training programme

First-ranked candidates:

1. Khaled Sinoussy Mohamed (Egypt)
2. Daniel Armando Pérez-Calderón (Mexico)

Alternates:

1. Lei Qiu (China)
 2. Renee S. McDonald (Jamaica)
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