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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Nomination of Experts to the Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, Ispra, Italy, 9-11 June 2015**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its decision BS-VII/10, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) requested the Online Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms to continue working with a view to achieving the operational objectives of the Strategic Plan for implementation of the Protocol[[1]](#footnote-1) that are relevant to the detection and identification of living modified organisms (LMOs) and implementation of Article 17 on Unintentional Transboundary Movements.

Furthermore, the COP-MOP also requested the Executive Secretary to organize, in cooperation with relevant organizations and subject to the availability of funds, capacity-building activities such as online and face-to-face training workshops on sampling, detection and identification of LMOs to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements under Article 17 and towards achieving the relevant outcomes of the Strategic Plan.

In response to these requests, the Secretariat is currently organizing a series of online discussions under the Network of Laboratories on topics that are relevant to detection and identification, particularly in the context of unintentional and illegal transboundary movements of LMOs.[[2]](#footnote-2)

As a follow-up to the online discussions and with support from the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat is organizing an international workshop with the objectives of:

1. Designing the content for capacity-building workshops on the sampling, detection and identification of living modified organisms;
2. Compiling and developing, as appropriate, didactic material for the capacity-building activities referred to in (i) above; and
3. Continuing the development of technical tools and guidance as outlined in the operational objectives 1.6 and 1.8 of the Strategic Plan.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to nominate representatives from their national LMO detection laboratories to take part in the upcoming workshop, which is scheduled to take place from 9 to 11 June 2015 at the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Ispra, Italy. Each nomination is to be accompanied with the attached nomination form indicating the activities in which the nominee has been involved that are relevant to LMO detection and identification and the anticipated benefits of the workshop.

Due to the limited availability of funds for the workshop, participants from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition that are eligible for sponsorship will be selected from among the nominated experts on the basis of their relevant expertise, taking into account their participation in the online discussions of the Network of Laboratories, as well as geographical representation and gender balance.

Nominations are to be sent to the Executive Secretary via e-mail at secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at +1-514-288-6588. In order to enable us to finalize arrangements for the workshop in a timely manner, it would be appreciated if your nominations reach the Secretariat as soon as possible but **no later than
15 April 2015**.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

 Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias

 Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**NOMINATION OF A PARTICIPANT TO A CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITY ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

*Fields / sections marked with an asterisk (***\****) are mandatory*

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| **I. CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITY**  |
| Title of the activity:\* | <Text entry> |
| Date when activity will take place:\* | <Text entry> |

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| **II. BRIEF PROFILE (min. 150 words)**\*Briefly describe the experience of the nominee as it relates to the goals of the capacity-building activity as well as a description of how the nominee will be able to apply the knowledge acquired during the activity in future endeavours. |
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| 1. **PERSONAL INFORMATION**\*
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| Title:\* | [ ]  Ms. [ ]  Mr.  |
| First Name:\* | <Text entry> |
| Last Name:\* | <Text entry> |
| Address: | <Text entry> |
| Telephone:\*[[3]](#footnote-3) | <Text entry> |
| Email:\* | <Text entry> |
| 1. **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT\***
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| Name of Employer / Organization / Company:\* | <Text entry> |
| Department / Division / Unit:\* | <Text entry> |
| Address: | <Text entry> |
| Start Date:\* | <YYYY> |
| Type of Organization:\* | [ ]  Academic or research institute [ ]  Government agency[ ]  Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO)[ ]  Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)[ ]  Private sector (business and industry)[ ]  UN and other specialized agency of the UN Common System[ ]  Other: <Text entry> |
| Main Areas of Responsibility\*:[[4]](#footnote-4) | <Text entry> |

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| 1. **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**
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| Name of Previous Employer: | <Text entry> |
| Department / Division / Unit: | <Text entry> |
| Start and End Date: | <YYYY - YYYY> |
| Type of Organization:\* | [ ]  Academic or research institute [ ]  Government agency[ ]  Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO)[ ]  Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)[ ]  Private sector (business and industry)[ ]  UN and other specialized agency of the UN Common System[ ]  Other: <Text entry> |
| Main Areas of Responsibility:[[5]](#footnote-5) | <Text entry> |
| 1. **POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BACKGROUND**
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| **First Degree** (e.g. B.Sc. in Microbiology)\* |
| Title:\* | <Text entry> |
| Name of academic institution:\* | <Text entry> |
| Start and End Date:\*  | *From* <YYYY> *to* <YYYY> |
| **Second Degree** (e.g. M.Sc. in Microbiology) |
| Title: | <Text entry> |
| Name of academic institution: | <Text entry> |
| Start and End Date: | *From* <YYYY> *to* <YYYY> |
| **Third Degree** (e.g. Ph.D. in Microbiology) |
| Title: | <Text entry> |
| Name of academic institution: | <Text entry> |
| Start and End Date: | *From* <YYYY> *to* <YYYY> |
| 1. **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY\***
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| 1. **Professional References** Please indicate the name and email of *at least one* professional reference
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| Reference 1:\* | Name: <Text entry>E-mail: <Text entry> |
| Reference 2: | Name: <Text entry>E-mail: <Text entry> |
| Reference 3: | Name: <Text entry>E-mail: <Text entry> |

1. The Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 is available at <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/issues/cpb_stplan_txt.shtml>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Available at <http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_detection/discussions.shtml>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. +[country code] [city code] [telephone number] [extension, if necessary]. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)