

Biosafety Clearing-House training workshop
Montreal, Canada, 5-6 December 2022

The Biosafety Clearing-House training workshop is being offered to the National Focal Points and National Authorized Users for the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) from all country Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, especially, those who have endorsed the UNEP-GEF BCH III Project.

The workshop aims to:

- Provide general information on the BCH, its relevance to the Cartagena Protocol, and its role in the exchange of information about decisions on living modified organisms; and
- Present the new BCH interface and provide hands-on training on searching and submitting information, including examination of case studies and discussion sessions about the BCH.

Location:

Palais des Congrès de Montréal
1001 Place Jean Paul Riopelle (main entrance)
Hall 220C (2nd floor)

Access is with your COP/MOP conference badge which you can obtain at the conference Registration desk.

Schedule and agenda

Time	Content
Monday, 5 December 2022	
	1. Opening of the workshop
8:15 – 9:00	Registration of participants
9:00 – 9:30	Welcoming remarks and organization of work
9:30 – 10:00	Overview of the BCH III Project
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/tea break + group photo (30 min)</i>
	2. Overview of the Cartagena Protocol (special emphasis on BCH obligations)
10:30 – 11:15	The Cartagena Protocol and the BCH
	3. Searching for information on the Biosafety Clearing-House
11:15 – 12:00	Navigation of the new platform of the BCH
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break (60 min)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Scientific information in the BCH
14:00 – 14:30	Using the BCH for searching for information (case study demonstration)
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Coffee/tea break (30 min)</i>

15:00 – 16:30	Breakout groups: case study exercises on using the BCH for searching for information
16:30 – 16:45	Navigation meeting (feedback on Day 1 of the workshop)
Tuesday, 6 December 2022	
8:30 – 8:45	Recap of the previous day
	4. Submitting information in the Biosafety Clearing-House
8:45 – 9:45	Navigating the Submit page (demonstration)
9:45 – 10:30	Case study exercises on how to submit records
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break (30 min)</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Case study exercises on how to submit records (<i>continued</i>)
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break (60 min)</i>
13:00 – 13:20	Interoperability, sharing and exporting information from the BCH
	5. Help material on the Biosafety Clearing-House
13:20 – 13:30	Getting help while navigating the platform
13:30 – 13:50	UNEP-GEF BCH Project training resources
13:50 – 14:05	The Regional Advisors network
14:05 – 14:30	Plenary discussion on issues and concerns related to submitting records
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Coffee/tea break (30 min)</i>
	6. Workshop conclusions and recommendations
15:00 – 15:30	Discussion, workshop recap, and next steps
15:30 – 15:40	Workshop evaluation
15:40 – 16:00	Closing remarks and workshop closure

Useful URLs List	
- <i>BCH website</i>	https://bch.cbd.int/
- <i>BCH training website</i>	https://bch-training.cbd.int/en/
- <i>Virtual Learning Environment</i>	https://bch3-vle.unep.org/
- <i>Workshop course page</i>	https://bch3-vle.unep.org/course/view.php?id=125