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**NOTIFICATION**

Madam/Sir,

**Re: Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or  
Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities  
26-27 January 2005; Montreal, Canada.**

At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in its decision BS-1/5, adopted a Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation of the Action Plan on Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol. The Coordination Mechanism consists of a number of elements, including coordination meetings and workshops..

The first Coordination Meeting for government and organizations implementing or funding biosafety-related capacity building activities will take place in Montreal, Canada from 26 to 27 January 2005, to provide an opportunity for sharing information on their on-going capacity-building activities and explore opportunities and options for enhancing their collaboration and networking in the implementation of the Action Plan.

I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of the Coordination Meeting. The composition was determined by the Secretariat taking into account the participants' demonstrated expertise and experience in the field of capacity-building, a balanced geographical distribution between regions, and fair representation of relevant stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points  
CBD National Focal Points (where CPB have not yet been nominated)  
Relevant international organizations



**COORDINATION MEETING FOR GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS  
IMPLEMENTING OR FUNDING BIOSAFETY CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES**

**LIST OF INVITEES**

**GOVERNMENTS**

1. Donald Cooper, Bahamas Environment Science and Technology Commission
2. Alejandra Sarquis, Coordinator, UNEP-GEF Project, Ministry of Agriculture, Argentina
3. Chris Viljoen, University of Free State, South Africa
4. Charles Mugoya, Coordinator, NBF Implementation Project, Uganda
5. Zhuang Guotai, State Environmental Protection Administration, China
6. S.R. Rao, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, India
7. Atanas Atanasov, Coordinator, UNEP-GEF NBF Implementation Project, Bulgaria
8. Sergiy Gubar, Ukraine
9. M. Lewanika, National Institute for Scientific and Industrial Research, Zambia
10. Didier Breyer, NFP Belgium
11. Desmond Mahon, Environment Canada - NFP
12. Per Nyløkke, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Denmark
13. Nicola Notaro, European Commission
14. Alice Eymard-Duvernay, InWent Capacity Building International
15. Koichi Ito, Global Environment Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan - NFP
16. Inge Van der Leij, The Netherlands - NFP
17. Sarah Wynn-Williams, Environment Division, Min. of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand - NFP
18. François Pythoud, Switzerland - NFP
19. Robin Healey, UK Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs– NFP
20. Harvey Lee, US Department of State – NFP

**DONOR AGENCIES**

21. Representative, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
22. Julia Kaiser, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
23. Representative, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
24. Representative, Swedish Agency for Development Assistance (SIDA)
25. Representative, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

**UN AGENCIES**

26. Mario Ramos, GEF Secretariat
27. Christopher Briggs, UNEP-GEF NBF Development Project
28. Marcel Alers, UNDP-GEF
29. Mary-Ellen Foley, Task Manager, Biosafety Projects, The World Bank
30. Andrea Sonnino, Senior Agricultural Research Officer, FAO
31. George Tzotzos, Chief of Biodiversity Unit, UNIDO
32. Mr. Sam Johnston (UNU)

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

33. Decio Ripandelli, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)
34. Peter Kearns, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, OECD
35. Joel Cohen, International Food Policy Research Institute, IFPRI
36. Ellie Osir, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Unit, ICIPE
37. Randy A. Hautea, International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA)
38. Balakrishna Pisupati, World Conservation Union (IUCN)

**REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/ PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES**

39. Prof. C.A.L Johnson, African Union Biosafety Capacity Building Programme
40. Christopher K. Ngichabe, Biotechnology Biosafety Programme, Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA)
41. Wendy Hwee Min Yap, Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
42. Ivar Virgin, East African Regional Programme and Research Network for Biotechnology, Biosafety and Biotechnology Policy Development (BIO-EARN)
43. Juan Izquierdo, REDBIO/FAO Technical Secretary
44. Juan Dellacha, UNU/BIOLAC Biosafety Project on Developing Guidelines for Latin America and the Caribbean

**NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

45. Li Lin Lim, Third World Network
46. Anne Chetaille, Research and Technology Exchange Group (GRET)
47. The Rockefeller Foundation

**INDUSTRY**

48. Dr. L. Val Giddings, Global Industry Coalition
49. Simon Barber, Plant Biotechnology Unit, EUROPABIO
50. Morven McMlean, Agriculture and Biotechnology Strategies (AGBIOS)

**RESEARCH/ ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS**

51. Angelika Hilbek, Geobotanical Institute, Swiss Federal College of Technology (ETHZ)
52. Anne Kapuscinski, Institute for Social, Economic and Ecological Sustainability (ISEES)
53. Katrine Jaklin, Norwegian Institute of Gene Ecology (GenØk)
54. Gabriele Schachermayr, ISCB Programme Manager, Institute of Biotechnology, Switzerland
55. Alan McHughen, President, International Society for Biosafety Research (ISBR)