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NOTIFICATION

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) Training Workshop 26-27 September 2014 – Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to announce that the Secretariat, in collaboration with and support of the “Project for Continued Enhancement of Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House” (UNEP-GEF BCH III Project), will convene a “Training and BCH III validation workshop” for National Focal Points for the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-NFPs) on 26-27 September 2014, prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP 7), in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.

The training workshop is being offered exclusively to National Focal Points for the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-NFPs).

With generous financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea and the support of the UNEP-GEF BCH III Project, limited funds covering travel and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) are available to BCH-NFPs from developing country Parties or Parties with economies in transition who are also accredited as national representatives to attend COP-MOP 7.

Given the limited number of places available for the training, placement for the workshop will be on a *first come first served basis*, in accordance with the date of receipt of a duly completed registration form attached herewith.

Nominations, endorsed by the National Focal Point for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, should be sent to the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible but **not later than 15 August 2014**.

Furthermore, please note that the working languages for the workshop are English, French and Spanish. It is important that nominees indicate their preferred language of training when completing the nomination form.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: National Focal Points for the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-NFPs)
National Focal Points for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB-NFPs)
CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)



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Deadline for registration: 15 August 2014

Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop
Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 26-27 September 2014

Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

Mr. / Ms. / Dr. / Prof.

BCH FOCAL POINT NAME:

Have you ever participated in any BCH training? Yes No

Preferred UN language of training (arrange by order of preference):
Options available are: English, French and Spanish

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Organization:

Official Address:

Telephone: + (____) _____

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E-Mail: _____

Do you require a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) extension to attend this workshop? Yes No

Signature of BCH Focal Point: _____ Date: _____

Name of the Cartagena Protocol Focal Point: _____

Signature of Cartagena Protocol Focal Point: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return duly completed and signed by scanned email or fax or no later than 15 August 2014 to:

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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