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NOTIFICATION

Nominations for the Caribbean Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization Bridgetown, Barbados – 1-5 December 2014

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its decision BS-V/16, the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted a Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and invited Parties and other Governments to review and align, as appropriate, their relevant national plans and programmes, including the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) with the Strategic Plan and mobilize adequate human and financial resources to expedite its implementation.

Pursuant to that decision, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing the Caribbean Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization, in collaboration with the UNEP/GEF Regional Project for Implementing National Biosafety Frameworks in the Caribbean and the Government of Barbados. The workshop will be held at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus in Bridgetown, Barbados, from 1 to 5 December 2014, back-to-back with the Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for the Implementation of Biosafety in the Caribbean. The workshop is funded by the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

The goal of the workshop is to enhance the capacity of Parties in the Caribbean sub-region to advance the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress by effectively integrating biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans, in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets. It also aims to increase the capacity of Parties to identify and mobilize sufficient and predictable resources for the implementation of the Protocol and facilitate public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs. The workshop will also enable participants to identify opportunities and means to foster regional cooperation.

To: CBD National Focal Points for: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago

cc: National Focal Points for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety



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Specifically, it is expected that at the end of the workshop, participants would be able to:

- (a) Identify ways, means and opportunities to improve the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans;
- (b) Define strategies for mobilization of additional resources to support the implementation of the Protocol and how to incorporate them into the national resource mobilization plans being developed in the context of the NBSAP revision process, taking into account the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention;
- (c) Identify good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs and how the implementation of the programme of work contributes to the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 1; and
- (d) Describe the objective and core requirements of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and identify measures that could be taken at the national level to ratify and implement the Supplementary Protocol.

Accordingly, I have the pleasure to invite Parties from the Caribbean sub-region, to nominate participants involved in the review/update and implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, preferably the NBSAP Coordinators, to take part in the workshop. The Secretariat will cover the cost of participation of **one** official nominee from each Party. This will include an economy class ticket to travel to and from Bridgetown, and daily subsistence for the duration of the workshop. Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points of those countries in the subregion that are not participating in the UNEP/GEF regional biosafety project (Haiti and Jamaica) are invited to nominate one additional participant actively involved in the development and implementation of national biosafety measures to be funded by the Secretariat to attend the workshop.

In order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements for the workshop, nominations should be submitted through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by e-mail at secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible but no later than **14 November 2014**.

The workshop will be conducted in English only. Details on the workshop will be made available in due course on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSRWMB-CAR-01>.

I would like to thank you for your kind cooperation and continued support of the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

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Executive Secretary