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**NOTIFICATION**

**Nomination of participants to the Workshop** **on Border Control of Living Modified Organisms and Invasive Alien Species, Nadi, Fiji, 7-11 December 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 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 Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements under Article 17 and towards achieving the relevant outcomes of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Furthermore, in its decision XII/17, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate capacity-building on identification of invasive and potentially invasive species (IAS), including on rapid approaches, in support of the Capacity-building Strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative with the view to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

In response to these requests, and with support from the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat is organizing a workshop for the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the Pacific with the objectives of:

1. Assisting customs and border-control officials in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol’s provisions with regard to sampling, detecting and identifying living modified organisms.
2. Sharing experiences and assessing national needs and gaps for the effective implementation of the relevant outcomes under the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol;
3. Developing strategies for risk identification, control and communication to identify and prevent the entry and establishment of invasive alien species;
4. Sharing experiences and assessing national needs and gaps for the prevention and control/eradication of IAS and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Target 9.

A workshop to support the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 9, which aims at developing project proposals to enhance capacity in SIDS for the prevention and control/eradication of IAS, will be held in parallel to this workshop. Joint sessions will be held to facilitate the exchange of views amongst participants of the two workshops.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite your Government to nominate an expert to take part in the workshop. The nominee should be a customs and border control official who is responsible for quarantine and border control of IAS at points of entry and/or is involved in sampling, detection and border control of LMOs.

Each official nomination letter should be accompanied with the attached nomination form indicating the activities in which the nominee has been involved that are relevant to border control of IAS and/or LMO detection and identification as well as the anticipated benefits of the workshop. Participants will be selected on the basis of their relevant expertise as well as geographical representation and gender balance. Incomplete forms will not be considered.

Due to the limited availability of funds for the workshop, only selected participants nominated by eligible Parties will receive financial assistance to cover the cost of travel and a daily subsistence allowance.

Relevant organizations are also welcome to nominate participants with practical experience in the subject matter of the workshop, by filling in the attached nomination form. Funding is not available to support participants representing organizations.

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 nominations reach the Secretariat as soon as possible but **no later than
30 September 2015**.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support towards the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and 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:\* | Workshop on Border Control of Living Modified Organisms and Invasive Alien Species |
| Date when activity will take place:\* | Nadi, Fiji, 7-11 December 2015 |

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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:\*[[1]](#footnote-1) | <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\*:[[2]](#footnote-2) | <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:[[3]](#footnote-3) | <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> |

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2. Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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