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NOTIFICATION

Call for expression of interest to participate in the project on “Integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, and the Convention on Biological Diversity”

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat, with the generous support of the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, is undertaking a project on “Integrated Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity” to be implemented over the period 2017-2018. The project aims at strengthening capacities at the national level for integrated implementation of the three instruments. The project builds on a pilot project to build capacity for integrated implementation, also funded by the Japan Biodiversity Fund and carried out from 2015 to 2016. More information on the pilot project is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/issues/mainstreaming/>.

The project is being undertaken in response to a number of decisions by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) calling for the integration of biosafety into relevant policies, plans and programmes, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans (e.g. decisions BS-V/16, BS-VII/5, XII/29, CP-VIII/3). Most recently, at its eighth meeting, the COP-MOP requested the Executive Secretary to undertake relevant activities in order to enhance the capacity of Parties to promote the integration of biosafety considerations into NBSAPs and national strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (decision CP-VIII/15).

Parties interested in participating in the project are invited to submit to the Secretariat an expression of interest of a maximum of three pages, demonstrating their fulfilment of each of the selection criteria indicated in the annex, and their ability to carry out the activities. Expressions of interest should be submitted by the Cartagena Protocol National Focal Point, as a signed scanned attachment to secretariat@cbd.int by **2 June 2017**.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points, CBD National Focal Points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)

Annex

Project Objective

The objective of the project is to enable countries to implement the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity in an integrated manner. This will be achieved by carrying out analyses of relevant national policies, laws and institutional frameworks, by undertaking consultations and awareness-raising activities among a wide range of stakeholders and by developing a mainstreaming strategy that sets out steps to achieve integrated implementation of biosafety concerns in a variety of sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, laws and institutional frameworks. E-learning materials are available to support these activities.

Project description

Participating countries will receive up to USD 17,000 each to carry out the following activities:

- 1) Develop a desk study (25-30 pages) in which the national legal, policy and institutional frameworks are analysed, focusing on the extent to which biosafety has been implemented across a variety of sectoral and cross-sectoral instruments and identifying opportunities for further mainstreaming biosafety and formulating recommendations to enhance integrated implementation;
- 2) Develop a mainstreaming strategy setting out follow-up steps to support integrated implementation of the Protocol, the Supplementary Protocol and the Convention at the national level;
- 3) Organize a national roundtable to review the results of the study and the draft mainstreaming strategy in order to obtain input from a wide variety of sectoral and cross-sectoral stakeholders;
- 4) Organize a seminar to increase awareness of key policy and decision makers and media about the importance of biosafety with a view to securing the necessary political support for biosafety and present the mainstreaming strategy;
- 5) Document the above processes and their outcomes as well as the experience gained and submit a report to the Secretariat.

Selection criteria

Ten Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will be selected based on the following criteria, taking also into consideration geographical balance:

- Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety that is a developing country or a country with an economy in transition;
- Party to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, or a formal high-level statement indicating a political commitment to become a Party to the Supplementary Protocol; Alternatively, signatories to the Supplementary Protocol may be considered;
- Demonstrated progress made with the NBSAP revision and implementation process and the extent to which biosafety has been or is being integrated into the revised NBSAPs;
- Demonstrated practical experience with the integration of biosafety considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, including NBSAPs and national development plans;
- Ability to provide in-kind or cash support for carrying out the national level activities.