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## NOTIFICATION

**Nominations for the Africa Regional Workshop on strengthening capacities for the integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity  
Lilongwe, Malawi – 19-23 February 2018**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to Notification 2017-064 and in response to decisions CP-VIII/3, CP-VIII/15, CP-VIII/11 and BS-VII/11, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with the generous financial support from the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, is organizing a workshop for Africa on strengthening capacities for the integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), to be held in Lilongwe, Malawi from 19 to 23 February 2018.

The objectives of the workshop are:

- a. to enable Parties 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; and
- b. to raise awareness and understanding about the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol, focusing on its implementation requirements, with a view to expedite its entry into force and facilitate its implementation.

Participants will analyse relevant national policies, laws and institutional frameworks, identifying opportunities, and thereby develop a draft national 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. The workshop will also provide training on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol, including identifying steps towards its ratification as needed. Participants are expected to undertake some preliminary work in preparation for the workshop, involving, among other things, the preparation of an overview of current relevant national legislation, policies and initiatives. E-learning materials on mainstreaming biosafety and the Supplementary Protocol will be made available to support these activities.

The workshop will benefit from the experience of Parties in the region that took part in the pilot phase of the project on “Integrated Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity”<sup>1</sup> and those that have been selected<sup>2</sup> to take part in the current second

<sup>1</sup> Further information available at: [http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/issues/mainstreaming\\_project.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/issues/mainstreaming_project.shtml)

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phase of the project which also includes the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.

The targeted audience of the workshop is Cartagena Protocol and Convention national focal points, as well as officials involved in the implementation/ratification efforts with regard to the Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress. Accordingly, I have the pleasure to invite the Cartagena Protocol national focal points and the CBD national focal points from the Africa region to express their interest in participating in this workshop. If the CBD national focal point is not available, a representative involved in the process for the review/update and implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, such as the NBSAP Coordinators, may be nominated instead.

In addition, I have the pleasure to invite for the nomination of a policy or legal officer actively involved in national efforts to ratify/accede to or implement the Supplementary Protocol, as a third participant to take part in the workshop.

The expression of interest and maximum three nominations should be coordinated through the Cartagena Protocol national focal point and submitted in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 (514) 288 6588 or by e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int). Nominations should be accompanied with a duly filled [HR Mini Master Request Form](#) in Word format and a photocopy of the valid national passport in PDF format. Due to the limited availability of funds for the workshop, only selected participants from eligible Parties who meet the relevant selection criteria will receive financial assistance from the Japan Biodiversity Fund to cover the cost of travel and a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the workshop.

In order to enable us to finalize arrangements for the workshop in a timely manner, it would be appreciated if submissions reach the Secretariat as soon as possible but **no later than 31 December 2017**.

The workshop will be conducted in English and French.

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

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Executive Secretary