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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Nomination of Experts to the**

**International Conference on GMO Analysis and New Genomic Techniques**

**14 to 16 March 2023 – Berlin, Germany**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Following the publication of [Biosafety Technical Series No.5](https://bch.cbd.int/en/database/VLR/BCH-VLR-SCBD-260177-3) and with a view to respond to requests by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety[[1]](#footnote-1), the Executive Secretary continues efforts to collaborate with relevant organizations and to build capacity in relation to the detection and identification of living modified organisms.

Thus, I am pleased to announce that, with support from the Government of Germany, the German Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants, the European Commission Joint Research Centre and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity are collaborating on an international conference on genetically modified organism (living modified organism) analysis and new genomic techniques, to be held in Berlin, Germany from 14 to 16 March 2023. The conference aims to provide an opportunity for experts to learn about the recent developments in the fields of detection and identification of living modified organisms and new genomic techniques, exchange information, and share experiences and best practises.

Accordingly, I would like to invite your government to nominate an expert to take part in the conference. The nominee must be involved in the detection and identification of living modified organisms, have experience working in an analytical laboratory and must have an understanding of molecular biology, biotechnology and biology concepts related to biosafety.

The official nomination must include:

1. an official nomination letter;
2. the curriculum vitae (CV) of the expert; and
3. a duly completed nomination form (see Annex).

Participants will be selected on the basis of their relevant expertise, as well as geographical representation and gender balance. Only complete forms and nominations submitted through the Cartagena Protocol Focal Point will be considered.

Due to the limited availability of funds for the conference, only nominees from eligible Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will receive financial assistance to cover the cost of travel and a daily subsistence allowance. Please note that the conference will be conducted in the English language.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at +1‑514‑288-6588. In order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements for the conference in a timely manner, it would be appreciated if nominations are sent as soon as possible but **no later than 13 January 2023**. Submissions received after this deadline will not be considered.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema

Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**Annex**

**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:\* | <Text entry> |
| Date when activity will take place:\* | <Text entry> |

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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:\*[[2]](#footnote-2) | <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\*:[[3]](#footnote-3) | <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:[[4]](#footnote-4) | <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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| Arabic: Chinese: English: French: Russian: Spanish: Other: <Specify> | [ ] Excellent [ ] Good [ ] Fair[ ] Excellent [ ] Good [ ] Fair[ ] Excellent [ ] Good [ ] Fair[ ] Excellent [ ] Good [ ] Fair[ ] Excellent [ ] Good [ ] Fair[ ] Excellent [ ] Good [ ] Fair[ ] Excellent [ ] Good [ ] Fair |
| 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> |

1. Decisions [BS-VII/10](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/mop-07/mop-07-dec-10-en.pdf), [CP-VIII/16](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/mop-08/mop-08-dec-16-en.pdf), [CP-9/11](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cp-mop-09/cp-mop-09-dec-11-en.pdf), among others. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. +[country code] [city code] [telephone number] [extension, if necessary]. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)