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

**Online forum of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [CP-10/11](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cp-mop-10/cp-mop-10-dec-11-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) recognized the importance of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms. The COP-MOP also requested the Executive Secretary to continue the work mandated under decision [CP-9/11](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cp-mop-09/cp-mop-09-dec-11-en.pdf), such as continuing online discussions of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms. Furthermore, the COP-MOP invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit information on the detection and identification of living modified organisms and requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting to prepare a recommendation on the need to update Biosafety Technical Series 05: *Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*.

Accordingly, the Secretariat will convene an online forum of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms from 17 to 24 November 2023. The discussions will focus on the new detection techniques, detecting newly developed and unauthorized living modified organisms, regional and national collaborations of laboratories and how to address capacity-building needs.

Based on the above, I would like to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to nominate experts to join and participate in the online forum of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms. The nominees must be involved in laboratory-based detection and identification of living modified organisms and have an understanding of techniques used in molecular biology. The official nomination letter must be accompanied by the completed attached nomination form indicating the activities in which the nominee has been involved that are relevant to detection and identification of living modified organisms. Cartagena Protocol national focal points or Heads of organizations, as appropriate, are kindly requested to submit nominations for experts via e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int). Nominations should be submitted no later than **15 November 2023**.

Kindly note that there is no need to re-nominate experts that have been previously nominated for the online forum of the Network, as nominations from other intersessional periods remain valid unless the Secretariat is advised by the national focal point, or Head of organization, that those experts are no longer endorsed. The list of registered participants is available at <https://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art18/lab_participants.shtml>.

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

(*Signed*) David **Cooper**

Acting Executive Secretary

**Annex I.**

**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**\* | | |
| Title:\* | | Ms.  Mr. |
| First Name:\* | | <Text entry> |
| Last Name:\* | | <Text entry> |
| Address: | | <Text entry> |
| Telephone:\*[[1]](#footnote-2) | | <Text entry> |
| Email:\* | | <Text entry> |
| 1. **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT\*** | | |
| 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-3) | <Text entry> | |

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| 1. **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY** | | | |
| 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-4) | | | <Text entry> |
| 1. **POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BACKGROUND** | | | |
| **First Degree** (e.g. B.Sc. in Microbiology)\* | | | |
| Title:\* | | <Text entry> | |
| Name of academic institution:\* | | <Text entry> | |
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| **Second Degree** (e.g. M.Sc. in Microbiology) | | | |
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| 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\*** | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| 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. +[country code] [city code] [telephone number] [extension, if necessary]. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)