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## NOTIFICATION

### **Call for the nomination of participants in the regional capacity-building workshop on biodiversity and human health for the Europe Region 23-25 October 2017 – Helsinki, Finland**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), is convening a regional capacity-building workshop on biodiversity and human health from 23 to 25 October 2017, in Helsinki, Finland.

The workshop is also being convened in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland, with financial support from the European Commission and the Government of Finland. The WHO Regional Office for Europe will also provide technical input and support through the European Centre for Environment and Health.

The workshop aims to strengthen collaboration, engagement and policy coherence between national agencies responsible for biodiversity and those responsible for health to contribute to enhanced national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as related Sustainable Development Goals. In particular, the workshop will provide a forum for Parties and experts from the health and biodiversity sectors to:

- (i) discuss the implementation of the Strategic Plan, in particular as it relates to health issues;
- (ii) discuss best practices for incorporating biodiversity and health considerations in national and regional biodiversity conservation programmes as well as in health strategies;
- (iii) strengthen capacity and identify further capacity needs for the mainstreaming of biodiversity and health linkages in relevant national policies, plans and programmes;
- (iv) identify possible joint activities to achieve health and biodiversity co-benefits for consideration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and national health plans; and
- (v) promote transboundary/regional cooperation and support networks on health and biodiversity issues and strategies.

The workshop will support the implementation of decisions XII/21 and XIII/6 of the Conference of the Parties, by which the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize, in collaboration with Parties and other relevant organizations, additional capacity-building workshops on the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health under the joint work programme between the Secretariat and the WHO.

By this notification, I am pleased to invite your government to nominate one official or expert responsible for the implementation of the Convention to participate in this workshop. In addition,

To: CBD National Focal Points in the WHO Europe region



nominations from the health sector will also be sought, in collaboration with the World Health Organization.

Nominees who take part in this workshop will be expected to discuss how biodiversity and health linkages can be mainstreamed at the national and/or sub-national level, with the support of their respective government and/or institution. Participants should be individuals from national agencies with relevant expertise who are in a position to develop and/or implement of relevant policies, plans and actions at the national and/or sub-national level.

The Secretariat encourages the nomination of an official or expert in the region who meets the following criteria:

- (i) Working knowledge of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- (ii) Experience, knowledge and expertise on national and regional environmental policy and networks;
- (iii) A clear responsibility within a national-level institution/agency, related to biodiversity conservation or environmental management;
- (iv) Ability to actively contribute to discussions on biodiversity, health and global environmental change given their strategic knowledge and practical experiences;
- (v) Availability to support and follow-up on the outcomes of the workshop including the ability to share meeting outcomes with relevant colleagues and transfer the knowledge gained into concrete actions at the national, sub-national and, insofar as possible, regional levels; and
- (vi) Ability to facilitate cross-sectoral collaboration, including the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, in the development of relevant programmes, plans or strategies on achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular Aichi Target 14.

All Parties wishing to participate in the workshop, including both those eligible for travel support and those not eligible, should provide the name and full contact details of their nominees via a letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and signed by the National Focal Point. Nominations must also be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and by the attached nomination form duly completed.

The Government of Finland will cover the costs of accommodation (up to a maximum of four nights accommodation) and all meals during the workshop for a limited number of Parties with economies in transition in the WHO Europe region eligible for financial support, while the Secretariat will finance the travel tickets (economy class airfare or train fare) for eligible nominees. Please note that funding priority will be given to eligible Parties when nominations are received from both the Ministry responsible for biodiversity or environment and from the Ministry of Health (including from WHO environment and health focal points, as applicable).

Nominations should be forwarded, as soon as possible, but no later than **29 August 2017** (scanned and attached to an e-mail addressed to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), or faxed to +1 (514) 288-6588). Workshop materials will be forwarded to the nominated experts and posted on the Secretariat's biodiversity and health website in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

## NOMINATION FORM

**Regional capacity-building workshop on biodiversity and human health for the Europe Region  
23-25 October 2017, Helsinki, Finland**

### **I. INFORMATION ON THE NOMINEE**

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Ministry/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Department/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **II. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE NOMINEE**

#### **2. *Current employment***

(a) Official title (current position): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Date of appointment to current position: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Expected duration of current position: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **3. *Description of the relevant activities of your organization:***

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#### **4. *Indicate what relevant information and experience you can contribute to the meeting/training:***

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#### **5. *Please provide a brief statement indicating how you and your organization would benefit from participation in this meeting/training and how you plan to utilize the experience in your work in the context of the implementation of the NBSAP:***

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### **III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **6. *Indicate if you have participated in other meetings/trainings on a similar topic:***

Name of meeting/training: _____	Date/Venue: _____
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**7. *I agree that, if selected, I will complete all the pre- and post-meeting/training assignments requested and attend all the meeting/training sessions. I also agree that, upon return to my work place, I will apply and share with others the knowledge and skills acquired from the meeting/training and will report back to the CBD Secretariat within the prescribed period for this event.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT

Name of Head of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorses the application of \_\_\_\_\_ for the regional capacity-building workshop on biodiversity and human health to be held from 23 to 25 October 2017 in Helsinki, Finland.

The institution confirms that on his/her return, \_\_\_\_\_ will retain his/her current responsibilities related to subject matter of the meeting/training and will be supported to apply and share the knowledge and skills gained from the meeting/training.

Signature and Stamp

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name (Please Print)**

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**(Signature)**