



NOTIFICATION
Invitation for nominations to the Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop
26 October 2024 – Cali, Colombia

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to announce that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will convene a Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) Training Workshop on 26 October 2024 in Cali, Colombia, on the margins of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP-MOP-11).

The training workshop is being offered to the National Focal Points and National Authorized Users for the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), the Cartagena National Focal Points from all country Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, other Governments, and stakeholders. The main objective of the one-day workshop is to provide general information about the BCH and its relevance to the Cartagena Protocol, to present the various features of the BCH interface and provide hands-on training on searching and submitting information, including examination of case studies and discussion sessions about the BCH.

Those who wish to participate must be accredited to attend CP-MOP 11 and must complete the pre-registration form, accessible at this link: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CP-BCH-WS-2024-01>, which needs to be endorsed by the National Focal Point for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the National Focal Point for the CBD or the head of organization in case of observer organizations. The completed registration form should be sent by e-mail to: secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible, but no later than **1 September 2024**, to allow enough time for necessary logistics and venue preparation. Due to the limited capacity of the training venue, placement for the workshop will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Furthermore, please note that the workshop will be conducted in English only. The level of ability to speak and understand English should, therefore, be taken into account when nominating participants. The detailed agenda for the workshop will be available on the CBD website in due course.

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

(Signed) David Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol national focal points, BCH focal points, CBD national focal points (where Cartagena Protocol Focal Points have not yet been designated), relevant organizations

