



NOTIFICATION

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [CP-11/8](#), 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, and its usefulness in facilitating the exchange of experience, sharing information and building expertise.

The COP-MOP also invited Parties and relevant organizations to share their experience with new detection techniques, such as those for detecting newly developed living modified organisms and unauthorized living modified organisms, including those that contain stacked events, and with developing, using and maintaining reference materials.

Accordingly, the Secretariat will convene an online forum of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms from 24 November to 5 December 2025. The discussions will focus on the experiences and challenges laboratories have encountered in implementing new techniques for the detection and identification of living modified organisms, as well as the access to reference materials and the role of regional networks in supporting knowledge sharing and interlaboratory comparisons.

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 discussions 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. Nominations should be submitted no later than **19 November 2025**.

Kindly note that experts that have been previously nominated for the online forum of the Network will need to be renominated, as nominations from other intersessional periods are no longer considered active.

Information on how to access the online discussions will be provided in due course through the following link: <https://bch.cbd.int/en/portals/detection/network-of-labs>.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: Cartagena Protocol national focal points, CBD national focal points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated) and relevant organizations
cc: Biosafety Clearing-House national focal points

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*

I. CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITY	
Title of the activity:*	<Text entry>
Date when activity will take place:*	<Text entry>

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.
<Text entry>

III. PERSONAL INFORMATION*	
Title:*	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr.
First Name:*	<Text entry>
Last Name:*	<Text entry>
Address:	<Text entry>
Telephone: * ¹	<Text entry>
Email:*	<Text entry>
IV. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT*	
Name of Employer / Organization / Company:*	<Text entry>
Department / Division / Unit:*	<Text entry>
Address:	<Text entry>
Start Date:*	<YYYY>
Type of Organization:*	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic or research institute <input type="checkbox"/> Government agency <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector (business and industry) <input type="checkbox"/> UN and other specialized agency of the UN Common System <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <Text entry>
Main Areas of Responsibility*: ²	<Text entry>

V. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY	
Name of Previous Employer:	<Text entry>
Department / Division / Unit:	<Text entry>
Start and End Date:	<YYYY - YYYY>

¹+[country code] [city code] [telephone number] [extension, if necessary].

² Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity

Type of Organization:*	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic or research institute <input type="checkbox"/> Government agency <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector (business and industry) <input type="checkbox"/> UN and other specialized agency of the UN Common System <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <Text entry>
Main Areas of Responsibility: ³	<Text entry>
VI. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BACKGROUND	
First Degree (e.g. B.Sc. in Microbiology)*	
Title:*	<Text entry>
Name of academic institution:*	<Text entry>
Start and End Date:*	<i>From <YYYY> to <YYYY></i>
Second Degree (e.g. M.Sc. in Microbiology)	
Title:	<Text entry>
Name of academic institution:	<Text entry>
Start and End Date:	<i>From <YYYY> to <YYYY></i>
Third Degree (e.g. Ph.D. in Microbiology)	
Title:	<Text entry>
Name of academic institution:	<Text entry>
Start and End Date:	<i>From <YYYY> to <YYYY></i>
VII. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY*	

³ Briefly describe how the responsibilities of the nominee relate to the goals of the capacity-building activity.

Arabic:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Chinese:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
English:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
French:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Russian:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Spanish:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
Other: <Specify>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair

VIII. 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>