



## NOTIFICATION

### Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you may be aware, in its decision BS-I/3, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted the modalities of operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) and mandated the Secretariat to seek assistance from an informal advisory committee with a particular focus on providing guidance with respect to resolution of technical issues associated with the ongoing development of the BCH.

In accordance with the modalities of operation of the BCH, the Executive Secretary convened the eleventh meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC) on 1-4 December 2020. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held online. The summary of the outcomes and other documents of that meeting are available at the following address: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/BCH-IAC-11>.

Furthermore, pursuant to decision BS-I/3, the members of the BCH-IAC are reconstituted and selected by the Executive Secretary every inter-sessional period and for each meeting of the committee, depending on the technical issues under consideration. I am pleased to inform you that the twelfth meeting of the BCH-IAC will be held face-to-face at the office of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal, Canada, from 15 to 16 May 2023.

In this regard, I am pleased to convey, in the annex to this notification, the composition of the BCH-IAC, which was determined by the Secretariat, taking into account the members' demonstrated experience with the BCH, while ensuring regional and gender balance.

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

David Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: National Focal Points for the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, CBD National Focal Points (where CPB NFPs have not yet been designated), BCH National Focal Points, members of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House, and relevant stakeholders



Annex

**Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House**

|                                |                                   | <b>Parties</b>                                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>REGION</b>                  | Africa                            | Mr. Lamine Kane (Senegal)                       |
|                                |                                   | Ms. Aligwekwe Blessing (Nigeria)                |
|                                |                                   | Mr. Hatem Ben Belgacem (Tunisia)                |
|                                | Asia-Pacific                      | Ms. Maria Lorelie U. Agbagala (The Philippines) |
|                                |                                   | Ms. Anita Anthonysamy (Malaysia)                |
|                                | CEE                               | Ms. Vanja Kojic (Serbia)                        |
|                                |                                   | Ms. Angela Lozan (Republic of Moldova)          |
|                                |                                   | Ms. Galina Mozgova (Belarus)                    |
|                                | GRULAC                            | Ms. Ana Laura Mello (Uruguay)                   |
|                                |                                   | Ms. Suzanne Davis (Jamaica)                     |
|                                |                                   | Mr. Alexis Vela Arias (Ecuador)                 |
|                                | WEOG                              | Ms. Daniela Wahler (Germany)                    |
|                                |                                   | Ms. Birgül Özen (Türkiye)                       |
| Mr. Tim Strabala (New Zealand) |                                   |   |
|                                |                                   | <b>Non-Parties</b>                              |
| USA                            | Mr. Adam Cornish                  |   |
|                                |                                   | <b>Organizations</b>                            |
| UNEP-BCH III Project           | Mr. Emmanuel Adonsou              |   |
|                                | Mr. Ruel Maningas                 |   |
| Ecoropa                        | Ms. Antje Lorch                   |   |
| CropLife International         | Ms. Sarah Lukie                   |   |
| FAO                            | Ms. Masami Takeuchi               |   |
| OECD                           | Mr. Bertrand Dagallier            |   |
|                                | Mr. Akihiro Kagoshima             |   |
| ICGEB                          | Ms. Wendy Craig                   |   |
|                                | Mr. Felix Gabriel Moronta Barrios |   |