



## NOTIFICATION

### **Nomination of experts to the International Training Course on Risk Assessments of Living Modified Organisms 2-6 June 2025 – Brasilia, Brazil**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In its decisions [BS-VI/12](#), [CP-VIII/12](#) and [CP-11/7](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to support capacity-building and development activities on risk assessment of living modified organisms.

In response to these requests, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with the support of the European Commission and in collaboration with the Government of Brazil, is organizing an international training course on risk assessment of living modified organisms, to be held in Brasilia, Brazil from **2 to 6 June 2025**, with the objective of providing theoretical and hands-on training for participants. Thus, the workshop will address the risk analysis and risk assessment processes (concepts, methodology, key issues to be considered), as well as utilize hands-on training in the evaluation of case studies of living modified organisms for environmental release.

In addition, the workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to discuss approaches to aligning biosafety targets in the revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans with a view to enhancing the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite your government to nominate a representative to take part in the workshop. The nominee must be involved, or expected to be involved, in conducting risk assessment of living modified organisms and must have an understanding of molecular biology, biotechnology and biology concepts related to biosafety. The workshop will be conducted in English.

The official nomination letter must be accompanied by the nomination form (Annex I), duly completed, indicating the activities in which the nominee has been involved that are relevant to biosafety and risk assessment of living modified organisms, as well as the anticipated benefits of the workshop. For nominations of participants from Parties eligible for funding, candidates should include a completed HR Mini Master Registration Form (Annex II – Parts A and B in Word format) and a copy of the bio page of a valid national passport. Annexes I and II are available at the following link: [https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/risk\\_assessment/ntf-annex-brazil-ra-workshop.docx](https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/risk_assessment/ntf-annex-brazil-ra-workshop.docx).

Participants will be selected on the basis of their relevant expertise, as well as geographical representation and gender balance. Only complete forms and nominations submitted through the Cartagena Protocol Focal Point will be considered.

Due to the limited availability of funds for the workshop, only selected nominees from eligible Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will receive financial assistance to cover the cost of travel and a daily subsistence allowance.

To: Cartagena Protocol national focal points, CBD national focal points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated)

cc: Biosafety Clearing-House national focal points

Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat via e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int). In order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements for the workshop in a timely manner, it would be appreciated if nominations are sent as soon as possible but **no later than 29 March 2025**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

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

*(Signed)* Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary