



## NOTIFICATION

### Nomination of experts to participate in the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [CP-11/7](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) invited Parties to submit detailed information on their needs and priorities for further guidance materials on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms, including a rationale following the criteria set out in annex I to decision CP-9/13. In the same decision, the COP-MOP established an ad hoc technical expert group tasked with the evaluation of the needs and priorities identified by Parties through the submission of information. To support the analysis of further topics of risk assessment with the criteria set out in annex I to decision CP-9/13, the COP-MOP extended the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management and requested the Executive Secretary to convene online discussions of the Online Forum.

In response to the above decision, I am pleased to convene online discussions of the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management from 21 April to 9 May 2025 to contribute to the analysis of submitted issues and topics of risk assessment identified as priorities by Parties. Accordingly, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations are invited to nominate experts to participate in the online discussions. Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points or Heads of organizations, as appropriate, are kindly requested to submit nominations of experts via e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) clearly indicating the names and e-mails of each nominee and a brief description of their relevant experience in the field of risk assessment, related to the topics submitted by Parties in response to notification 2025-017 (<https://bch.cbd.int/en/submissions-to-notifications?schema=submission&currentPage=1&notification=2025-017>) and/or related fields.

Kindly note that there is no need to re-nominate experts that have been previously nominated for the online forum, as nominations from the previous intersessional period (2023-2024) remain valid unless the Secretariat is advised by the national focal point, or Head of organization, that those experts are no longer endorsed. The list of currently registered participants is available at <https://bch.cbd.int/en/portals/risk-assessment/past-activities/forum-2023-2024/participants>.

Nominees will be subsequently contacted by the Secretariat to facilitate their registration and participation in the Open-ended Online Forum. The Online Forum is open to all interested participants, but they must be registered in order to contribute to the online discussions. Nominations of experts to the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management must be received before **11 April 2025**. Information on how to access the Online Forum will be provided in due course through the following link: <https://bch.cbd.int/portals/risk-assessment/forum>.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol national focal points, CBD national focal points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated), relevant organizations, and indigenous peoples and local communities

