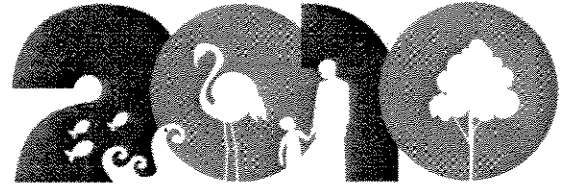




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**Sixth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations  
Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities -  
1-3 February 2010, Siem Reap, Cambodia**

Dear Professor Makinde,

In its decision BS-I/5, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) established a Coordination Mechanism to facilitate exchange of information with a view to promoting partnerships and maximizing complementarities and synergies between various biosafety capacity-building initiatives.

Pursuant to the above decision, five coordination meetings for governments and organizations implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities have so far been held in Montreal, Canada (January 2005); Tromsø, Norway (January 2006); Lusaka, Zambia (February 2007); New Delhi, India (February 2008) and San José, Costa Rica (March 2009), respectively.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Cambodia has kindly offered to co-organize and host the sixth Coordination Meeting **from 1 to 3 February 2010** in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

The objective of the meeting will be to facilitate exchange of information and experiences on ongoing capacity-building initiatives and to discuss options for strengthening national capacities for addressing the following issues: (i) public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms; and (ii) socio-economic considerations in decision-making regarding living modified organisms, pursuant to the request made by the COP-MOP in paragraph 3 of decision BS-IV/16.

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I have the pleasure to invite you, or an appropriate expert from your Government, to participate in the sixth Coordination Meeting. The meeting will be conducted in English only. Documents for the meeting, including the agenda and the information note for participants will be made available on the Secretariat's website ([www.cbd.int](http://www.cbd.int)) in due course.

In accordance with standard procedures for CBD meetings, funding will not be available to participants from developed countries and organizations. You are therefore expected to cover your own travel and subsistence costs to attend the meeting.

It would be appreciated if you could confirm your participation no later than **8 January 2010** in order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements for the meeting in a timely manner.

I would like to thank you for your kind cooperation and continued support to the work of the Protocol and look forward to your participation in the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary