First Maldives National Biosafety Clearing House Workshop under BCH III project was held on 6-7 August 2018

The first national workshop on the Biosafety Clearing House under the UNEP-GEF project for sustainable capacity building for effective participation in the BCH (BCH III) was held from 6-7 August 2018 at Asaree Maalam, Male', Maldives. The purpose of this 2 day workshop was training and awareness for key stakeholders. A total of 22 participants from 10 organizations completed the training where the participants were pre-registered to a Virtual Learning Environment. The participants contributed to the workshop objectives through brainstorming sessions, trainings through interactive modules, presentations and discussions.

At the opening ceremony of the workshop, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Energy highlighted the importance of such trainings for Maldives taking into account the rapidly advancing industry of modern biotechnology and the need for establishment of a mechanism for the effective use of the Biosafety Clearing House in the Maldives. The Regional Advisor, Dr. Ruel Maningas gave a statement on behalf of the UN Environment about the BCH III project and the trainings under the project.

The 2 day training and awareness was conducted by Dr. Ruel Maningas where on the first day the participants were acquainted with the Cartagena Protocol, the Biosafety Clearing House and its technical responsibilities through application of case studies on effective use of BCH Management Centre and Central Portal. At the end of the first day, the participants had a clear understanding of the format of BCH records as well as the procedures for registering and publishing biosafety-related decisions. On the second day the participants brainstormed on the roles and responsibilities of the

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Competent National Authority, the BCH National Focal Point, procedures and mechanisms that will be followed by information providers and training needs and capacity building needs for Maldives. Also, on the second day the National Focal Pont for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Ms. Ilham Atho Mohamed gave a presentation on the country status of the Cartagena Protocol and the BCH.

The closing ceremony was held at the end of the second day where Mr. Ajwad Musthafa handed over the certificate of participation to the workshop participants.

The Second National Workshop on BCH is scheduled to be held from 10-11 October 2018. This workshop will be targeted to government representatives, the National Authorized Users of the BCH, the Competent National Authorities, and other information providers.

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