



Ready Reference
**Contact Points:
People and Organizations**

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Category	Role
National Focal Point (NFP)	An individual or institution designated by the government of a Party of the Protocol with responsibility for communicating with the CBD Secretariat on a specific issue.
Biosafety Clearing-House National Focal Point (BCH-NFP)	An Institution or individual responsible on behalf of the government of a Party of the Protocol to facilitate the sharing of information and to liaise with the Secretariat on issues of relevance to the continued development and implementation of the Biosafety Clearing-House.
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Point (CPB-NFP)	An Institution or individual responsible on behalf of the government of a Party of the Protocol for liaison with the Secretariat on issues required by the Protocol
Competent National Authority (CNA)	An authority designated and authorized by their government to be responsible for performing the administrative functions required by Article 19 of the Protocol, and to act on their behalf with respect to those functions.
Emergency Measures (Article 17) Contact Point	An Individual or institutions responsible on behalf of the government of a Party of the Protocol for receiving notifications under the Article 17 of the Protocol about an unintentional transboundary movement of an LMO and emergency measures
Convention on Biological Diversity National Focal Point (CBD-NFP)	An Individual or institutions responsible on behalf of of the government of a Party of the Convention on Biological Diversity for communicating with the CBD Secretariat on issues required by the Convention. These may be included in the BCH where a CPB-NFP has not yet been nominated.)
Institutional Focal Point	An individual designated by an organization with responsibility for communicating with the SCBD on a specified topic.
Biosafety Expert	An individual with expertise in one or more biosafety-related disciplines who is nominated by his or her government to be a member of the Roster of Experts in biosafety.
Biosafety Organization	An international organization involved in activities relevant to implementation of the Biosafety Protocol and included in the Directory of International Organizations involved in Biosafety Activities.

