Call for Expression of Interest

Guyana is party to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilisation. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as the National Focal Point (NFP) for the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA), has the responsibility of ensuring that Guyana’s national interest is represented while we meet our obligations under the MEAs through implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) amongst other collective actions. This is accomplished with support from various agencies that play a vital role in the management and conservation of Guyana’s biological resources.

Parties to the UNCBD are currently discussing/negotiating positions on issues of importance to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. In an effort to support Guyana’s contributions to the discussions /negotiations, the EPA is seeking to establish a database of suitably qualified individuals that can provide assistance as we work to develop our national positions regarding these issues.

The EPA is calling for Expression of Interest from experts with a high level of expertise and professional experience in areas related to the following:

- Digital Sequence Information (DSI) on Genetic Resources
- Synthetic Biology
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- Engineer Gene Drive and Genome Editing
- Marine and Coastal Ecosystems
- Invasive Alien Species (IAS)
- Pollinators
- Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing (ABS)

Experts shall be chosen on the basis of skills, experience and knowledge appropriate to carry out the tasks assigned to them.

The position of national expert is a “voluntary” one.

Interested person are asked to submit their EOI, including a detailed CV with demonstrated knowledge and experience related to the area of expertise, to the Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Ganges Street, Sophia, Georgetown.