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MEMORANDUM

FOR : Heads of DOST Agencies, Regional Offices, DOST-CO Services and Executive Offices

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CAROL M. YOROBE
Undersecretary for Scientific and Technological Services and Chairperson, DOST-HRDP Committee

DATE : 20 June 2017

SUBJECT : Invitation to the 2nd Training Workshop on "Industrial Biotechnology: Driving Value Addition and Beneficiation" in Harare, Zimbabwe



Please be informed that the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM-S&T Centre) is inviting the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) to nominate qualified candidate/s for the 2nd Training Workshop on "Industrial Biotechnology: Driving Value Addition and Beneficiation" in Harare, Zimbabwe from 22 to 24 August 2017.

The training/workshop is primarily designed for researchers, academia, technologists, industry representatives, government officials, policy makers, regulators and NGOs from member states of the NAM S&T Centre.

Objectives of the Workshop

The 2nd training workshop hopes to achieve the following objectives:

- 1) To understand how value addition and beneficiation in industry may be achieved through technology transfer and the application of biotechnology.
- 2) To give local and international businesses an opportunity to showcase their products.
- 3) To provide insight, education and awareness on technologies that may be exploited by producers for processing raw materials into bio-based products of economic importance.
- 4) To promote beneficial collaboration among scientists, technologists and scientific organizations from Non-aligned and other developing countries.
- 5) To establish and link national and regional centres for development and transfer of technology.

Expected Workshop Outcomes

- 1) Understanding of the benefits of biotechnology in value addition and beneficiation. Identification of further biotechnology awareness interventions.
- 2) Establishment of a Biennial Industrial Biotechnology conference.
- 3) Organisation of local and international exhibitions of products by business operators.
- 4) Preparation of a report with recommendations on further work and/or steps needed to make progress on biotechnology in NAM and other developing countries.

Those who are interested, please accomplish the attached Application Form and have it signed by your immediate Supervisor and Division Chief, and submit to the PPDC Secretariat, Fellowships/Scholarships Unit on or before **30 JUNE** 2017