



Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South

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NOTE VERBALE

The Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) presents its compliments to the esteemed Focal Points in Member States, and Centres of Excellence, and has the honor to state that COMSATS, in collaboration with the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) and COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), is organizing a training workshop on “Metagenomics-based Approach for Viral Disease Surveillance”. This capacity-building event is scheduled to take place on September 16-19, 2024, in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The aforementioned workshop is aimed at developing an understanding of advanced statistical, algorithmic, and bioinformatics tools for integrating qualitative and quantitative models for descriptive and predictive analyses. These tools have applications in genomic surveillance, experimental design, data integration workflow with metagenomics, and multi-omics approaches for the early detection of emerging novel pathogens.

Further details regarding focal person (Dr. Huma Balouch, Deputy Director COMSATS), registration, eligibility criteria, financial coverage and procedure for online applications, are available at the following web link: www.icgeb.org/metagenomics-based-approach-workshop-pakistan-2024/. The **deadline** for the submission of applications (online) is **10th July 2024**. The flyer of the workshop is also enclosed for information.

The aforementioned information may please be disseminated among the relevant scientists and researchers in your esteemed institution.

COMSATS avails itself of this opportunity to convey the esteemed Focal Points in Member States and Centres of Excellence, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Islamabad, June 20, 2024

