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Subject: Virtual Event - Regional Workshop on the Current Developments of the Whole Genome Sequencing Platforms and the Bioinformatic Data Processing, from 13 to 17 December 2021

Dear National Liaison Officer / National Coordinator,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is organizing a Virtual Regional Workshop under the IAEA technical cooperation project RER5025, "Improving Early Detection and Rapid Response to Potential Outbreaks of Priority Animal and Zoonotic Diseases".

The purpose of the virtual regional workshop is to present the development of workflows for access of counterpart laboratories to New Generation Sequencing (NGS) / Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) technologies and give an outline to the practical applications of NGS / WGS platforms, the bioinformatic data processing in detection and characterization of animal and zoonotic pathogens.

The attached Information Sheet provides further details, including technical and administrative aspects of the event. Selection of participants will be in accordance with IAEA procedures. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women participants.

For participants who indicate their need, the IAEA could provide financial support to contribute to the expenses of their costs for internet connection for the duration of the event in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

We would appreciate receiving your country's nominations by **6 December 2021** through the IAEA's InTouch+ platform (<a href="https://Intouchplus.iaea.org">https://Intouchplus.iaea.org</a>). Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the event from the <a href="IAEA's webpage">IAEA's webpage</a>. Completed forms must be endorsed by the relevant government authority and may be sent to the IAEA, preferably by email to Official Mail-IAEA Mail address <a href="Official.Mail@iaea.org">Official.Mail@iaea.org</a>, with copy to Ms Ludmila Wiszczor <a href="L.Wiszczor@iaea.org">L.Wiszczor@iaea.org</a>. Please be advised that late nominations or replacements of participants after the closing date for nominations will not be accepted.

We look forward to receiving your early response.

Yours sincerely,

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