



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

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Category	Role
<b>National Focal Point (NFP)</b>	An individual or institution designated by their government with responsibility for communicating with the CBD Secretariat on a specific topic.
<b>BCH National Focal Point (BCH-NFP)</b>	An individual or institution responsible for liaison with the Secretariat on BCH matters, appointed in accordance with the BCH Modalities of Operation.
<b>Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Point (CPB-NFP)</b>	Responsible for liaison with the Secretariat on Protocol issues, as designated under Article 19 of the Protocol.
<b>Competent National Authority (CNA)</b>	An authority designated and authorized by their government to be responsible for performing the administrative functions required by Article 19 of the Biosafety Protocol, and to act on their behalf with respect to those functions.
<b>Emergency Measures (Article 17) Contact Point</b>	The point of contact nominated to receive notifications under Article 17 (i.e. regarding unintentional transboundary movements of living modified organisms and emergency measures).
<b>CBD National Focal Point (CBD-NFP)</b>	National Focal Points for the Convention on Biological Diversity. (These may be included in the BCH where a Protocol NFP has not yet been nominated.)
<b>Institutional Focal Point</b>	An individual designated by an organization with responsibility for communicating with SCBD on a specified topic.
<b>Biosafety Expert</b>	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.
<b>Biosafety Organization</b>	An organization active in biosafety issues, included in the Directory of Biosafety Organizations.