







The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its Programme of Work on Public Awareness, Education and Participation Regarding LMOs

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OVERVIEW



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BACKGROUND



- 1992 UNCED, Agenda 21 (Chapter 16)
- Additional to CBD
- Adopted 29 January 2000 by CBD Ex-COP
- Entered into force: 9 September 2003
- 163 ratifications/ accessions, latest Jamaica
- 6 governing body meetings (COP-MOP), COP-MOP 6 held October 2012 in Hyderabad, India
- Nagoya Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress adopted 15 October 2010







PROTOCOL OBJECTIVE



To contribute to ensuring the <u>safe transfer</u>, <u>handling and use of LMOs</u> resulting from modern biotechnology <u>that may have</u> adverse effects on the biological diversity, taking also into account <u>risks to human health</u>

*In accordance with the precautionary approach







Provisions on PAEP



Article 23 requires Parties to:

- Promote and facilitate PAEP concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs; Cooperate in doing so
- Ensure that PAE encompass access to information on LMOs imported
- •Consult the public in decision-making processes regarding LMOs; avail to them decisions taken
- Inform the public about the means of public access to the Biosafety Clearing-House







COP-MOP Decisions on PAEP



MOP 2:

- •ES intensify cooperation with the Aarhus Convention
- Share info, experiences through BCH

MOP 4:

- Agreed to consider a programme of work on PAEP @ MOP 5
- New SCBD Outreach strategy

COP-MOP 5:

- Adopt a programme of work on PAEP (2011-2015)
- •ES: Establish an online forum and other means to facilitate exchange of information/experience on PoW implementation







PoW on PAEP (2011-2015)







Programme Elements:

- 1. Capacity-building
- 2. Public awareness and education
- 3. Public access to information
- 4. Public participation

Each programme element includes:

- Operational Objectives
- Expected Outcomes; Indicators
- Suggested Activities
- Time Frame
- Actors







PoW-PAEP: Element 1- Capacity Building







- Legal/policy frameworks and mechanisms on PAEP
- 2. Institutional mechanisms:
- Advisory committees, information centres
- Collaboration with Aarhus Convention
- 3. Human resources development:
- Roster of experts
- Training programmes for biosafety educators/communicator
- Guidance materials
- Collaboration/sharing of experience, resources



PoW-Element 2 – Awareness/Education





Promote public awareness and education:

- 1. Baseline awareness surveys
- 2. Awareness plans/programmes
- 3. Awareness materials
- 4. Public announcements
- 5. Use of media
- 6. Integration of biosafety into curricula
- 7. E-learning tools, education packages
- 8. Collaborate with schools





PoW-Element 3 – Access to information





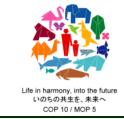
- 1. Popularise right of access to information
- 2. Popularise means of access
- 3. Establish infrastructure for access, e.g. websites, BCH nodes
- 4. Information alert systems
- 5. Establish procedures for access to information







PoW-Element 4 – Public participation







- 1. Establish PP frameworks and SOPs
- 2. Administrative mechanisms/systems for PP
- 3. Public notification of PP opportunities
- 4. Platforms for public feedback, comments
- 5. Availing resources to facilitate PP
- 6. Popularise right to PP in d/making







CPB Strategic Plan elements on PAEP



OP 2.5 (Enhance capacity for PAEP)

- Access to guidance/training materials on PEAP
- Training in PAEP skills
- Mechanisms for ensuring PP in d/making
- Informing the public on modalities for participation

OP 5.3 (Communication and outreach)

- Awareness/outreach programmes
- National communication strategies
- Biosafety websites, searchable databases
- Awareness/educational materials







WAY FORWARD



- National PEAP Action Plans (within NBF framework)
- Regional and international cooperation (including through regional organizations and networks (e.g. AUC, UNEP regional office, RAEIN-Africa, etc.)
- Regional biosafety PEAP networks/ websites
- Cooperation with Aarhus Convention and other relevant instruments
- Maximise existing tools (e.g. online forum on PAEP, baseline survey templates, BCH-BIRC, PEAP portal in the BCH, etc.)







CONCLUDING REMARKS



- The Protocol establishes procedures and mechanisms for ensuring that LMOs do not adversely affect biological diversity and human health
- Article 23 on PEAP critical to the successful implementation of the Protocol
- Important to keep abreast with new developments
- The BCH is a key source of information
- The CPB has moved to a new phase implementation to be guided by a Strategic Plan 2011-2012









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