



Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

the international treaty governing movements of living modified organisms

Synergies and ongoing collaboration between the CBD Secretariat and the Aarhus Convention on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/>



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Part 1: Main Decisions

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Article 23)

Decision BS-II/6 , para (d); BS-II/13, p.11:

- Intensify cooperation with the Aarhus Convention on PAP
- Maximize opportunities for cooperation

Decision BS-V/13 para. 1 &3 of, :

- Adopted PoW on PAEP (2011-2015)
- Coherence among the PoW and the Aarhus Convention

Aarhus Convention (the GMO Amendment/Almaty Amendment)

Decision II/1:

- Adopted the GMO Amendment
- Cooperate with the Protocol

MOP-4, decision IV/6, including Annex I:

- Adopted the work programme (2012–2014)



Part 2: Joint Issues

Goal:

- Public awareness, education and participation, including access to information, on LMOs/GMOs

Challenges:

- Article 23 and GMO Amendment implemented

Parties lack:

- Legal frameworks/mechanisms
- Human resources
- Sharing of experiences and resource materials
- Access to information
- Mechanisms/procedures for public participation



Part 3: Joint Activities

Side Events

- COP-MOP 4 side event (Protocol)
- MOP 4 side event (the Aarhus Convention)

Workshops

- The 2008 joint workshop in Germany
- The 2010 joint workshop in Japan
- The 2012 regional workshop in Uganda

Online Forum

- 2 Discussion Groups



Part 4: International and National Outcomes

Joint activities outlined in the PoW on PAEP

- Legal and/or policy frameworks and mechanisms
- Capacity-building and human resources development
- Sharing of experiences & materials

Cooperation

- Parties to the Protocol making use of the Lucca Guidelines
- Relevant Parties to the Aarhus Convention implementing NBFs



Part 5: Conclusions

- Implementing Article 23 and advancing the GMO Amendments
- The Lucca Guidelines and the adoption of the PoW
- Identified challenges and shared national experiences and best practices
- Implementing legal frameworks and built human capacity through workshops, side events, online forums etc.
- Input in decision making during the governing body meetings of the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol



Part 6: The Way Forward

Aarhus Convention and Protocol

- Joint workshops, side events, online discussions and round tables with regional/international organizations (e.g. AU, RAIN-AFRICA, ABNE, UNEP-GEF, UNESCO and MEAs)
- Joint educational materials, toolkits/manuals
- Promote access to information by interlinking the clearing-houses
- Joint webinars (online seminars)



Part 6: The Way Forward

Parties and other stakeholders

- Contact focal points of and other experts on the Aarhus Convention
- Use guidance, incl. the Lucca Guidelines, PoW and online forum
- Identify key national NGOs, businesses, academia and media to set up joint national networks/centers to promote PAEP (as Aarhus centers)
- Collaborate with SCBD and regional networks/organizations (e.g. AU, ACB, RAEIN-AFRICA, ABNE, AfricaBio) (e.g. educational packages)



Thank You!

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Programme of Work:

[http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/
cpb_art23_pow.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_art23_pow.shtml)

Aarhus Convention:

[http://www.unece.org/envir
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policy/treaties/public-
participation/aarhus-
convention.html](http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/public-participation/aarhus-convention.html)