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# **Introduction to the Asia-Pacific Training Workshop on Public Awareness, Education and Participation Regarding LMOs**

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# Outline

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# Background to the workshop



- Article 23 of the Protocol on PAEP – obligation
- MOP 4 – Need for a coherent and focused approach to Art. 23 implementation
- MOP 5 adopted a Comprehensive work program
- MOP 5: CPB Strategic Plan – OP 2.5 (PAEP CB)
- Capacity-building to facilitate PoW implementation (information from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> NRs)
- Tools developed: PEAP portal, Discussion Forum, Online regional PAEP networks, survey templates
- 1<sup>st</sup> series of regional training workshops

# Objectives



Enable participants to:

1. Learn key concepts, tools and approaches relating to PEAP concerning LMOs
2. Exchange information, practical experiences, good practices and lessons learned
3. Discuss strategies for enhancing national capacities and promoting regional and international cooperation on PEAP

# Expected outcomes



Expected that at the end of the workshop, participants will be better prepared to:

1. Develop biosafety outreach strategies and communication plans
2. Effectively engage and use of the media to promote public awareness
3. Facilitate public access to information
4. Plan and conduct public participation in decision-making regarding LMOs
5. Collaborate and network on PAEP concerning LMOs

# Modes of delivery



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1. Lectures/presentations by practitioners, academics
2. Case study presentations
3. Interactive focus group discussions
4. Hands-on practical exercises and role-plays
5. Field trip

## Monday:

### Item 3. Introduction to the CPB & PEAP-PoW

- Video on the Protocol
- Overview of the Cartagena Protocol and MOP Decisions on PAEP, *by Erie Tamale, SCBD*
- Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol 2011-2020 *by Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat*
- Question and Answers



## Monday:

### Item 4. Regional/international frameworks on PEAP

- Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration and its implementation in Asia, *by Ms. Chuthatip Maneepong, Thailand Environment Institute*
- The Aarhus Convention, *by Ms. Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva, Environment-People-Law, Ukraine*
- Questions and Answers
- Country presentations by participants on implementation of Article 23 at national level



## TUESDAY:

### Item 5. Public awareness/education concerning LMOs

- Introduction to public awareness and education and key elements of a biosafety communication strategy, *by Erie Tamale*
- Exercise to develop a draft national biosafety outreach strategy or communication plan, including comments and feedback on the drafts through focus group discussions

# Workshop programme



## TUESDAY:

- Engaging and using the media to promote public awareness of biosafety issues, *by Ms. Tran Thuy Binh, Hanoi TV*
- Individual exercise to prepare a press release

## Afternoon

- Experiences and lessons learned in promoting PAE concerning LMOs in Japan, *by Mr. Takahiko Nikaido, Min. of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries*
- Country presentations

# Workshop programme



## WEDNESDAY:

### MORNING

#### Item 6. Public access to information on LMOs

- Basic concepts and core elements of national regimes on public access to information: A review of existing laws on ATI, *by Erie Tamale*
- Public access to information in CEE: Experiences and lessons learned within the context of the Aarhus Convention by *Ms. Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva*
- *Questions and Answers*

# Workshop programme



## WEDNESDAY:

### BREAK TEA

- Focus group discussions on capacity-building needs, and elements of a national framework/action plan, for promoting, public access to biosafety information

### LUNCH

- Focus group presentations and general discussion on measures to increase public access information on LMOs at nationals

# Workshop programme



## AFTERNOON TEA/COFFEE BREAK

### Item 7. Public participation in decision-making regarding LMOs

- Public participation in biosafety and environmental decision-making: Key concepts, emerging good practices and lessons learned, *by Erie Tamale*
- National mechanisms for public participation in decision-making processes regarding LMOs: An analysis of approved national biosafety frameworks in Asia-Pacific, *by Dr. Pisey Oum*

# Workshop programme



## THURSDAY:

### Case study presentations:

- Public participation in environmental decision-making in CEE in the context of the Aarhus Convention and its GMO Amendment, by Ms. Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva
- Public participation in environmental decision-making processes: Experiences and lessons learned from Asia, by Dr. Chuthatip Maneepong

TEA/COFFE BREAK

# Workshop programme



## THURSDAY:

- Focus group discussions on capacity-building needs, and points to consider in developing plans, for promoting public participation in decision-making processes regarding LMOs
- Focus group presentations

*LUNCH BREAK*



# Workshop programme



## THURSDAY:

### Item 8. The way forward: fostering regional cooperation on PAEP concerning LMOs

- Synergies and ongoing collaboration between the Cartagena Protocol and the Aarhus Convention, *by Erie Tamale*
- Focus group discussions on strategies to promote regional and subregional cooperation on PAEP

### ***Tea/Coffee Break***

- Reports of the focus group discussions

# Workshop programme



## FRIDAY:

### Item 9. Promoting ratification and implementation of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

- Overview of the objective and core provisions of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, *by Mr. Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat*
- General discussion: Questions and Answers

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

# Workshop programme



## FRIDAY:

- Measures for the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol at the national level that may need capacity-building, *by Mr. Worku Yifru*
- Group exercises on hypothetical cases on liability and redress relating to LMOs

## LUNCH BREAK

- Reports from the group exercises

# Workshop programme



## FRIDAY:

- Status of ratification and accession to the Supplementary Protocol and possible advantages/significance of becoming a Party, *by Mr. Worku Yifru*
- Discussion on national strategies to promote ratification and implementation of the Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress in Asia-Pacific region

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

# Workshop programme



## FRIDAY:

### Item 10. Workshop review and evaluation

- Self-assessments on the knowledge and skills acquired during the workshop
- Completion of the workshop evaluation form

### Item 11. Closure of the Workshop

- Closing remarks by a representative of the CBD Secretariat
- Closure of the workshop by the representative of the Government of Vietnam



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