



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

Erie Tamale
Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat

OVERVIEW



Life in harmony, into the future
いのちの共生を、未来へ
COP 10 / MOP 5

Part I: Background to the Protocol

Part II: Provisions on PEAP

Part III: MOP Decisions on PAEP

Part IV: PEAP Programme of Work



BACKGROUND

- **1992 UNCED, Agenda 21 (Chapter 16)**
- **Additional to CBD**
- **Adopted 29 January 2000 by CBD Ex-COP**
- **Entered into force: 9 September 2003**
- **166 ratifications/ accessions, latest Afghanistan**
- **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; 12 ratifications/accessions**

PROTOCOL OBJECTIVE

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

*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 (BCH)

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



1. Legal/policy frameworks and mechanisms for PAEP in place
2. Institutional mechanisms established:
 - Advisory committees, information centres
 - Collaboration with Aarhus Convention
3. Human resources developed:
 - Roster of experts
 - Training programmes for biosafety educators/communicators
 - Guidance materials
4. Mechanisms for collaboration/sharing of experience, resources in place

PoW-Element 2 – Awareness/Education



Promote public awareness and education:

- Baseline awareness surveys undertaken
- Awareness plans/programmes in place
- Awareness materials dev./disseminated in various languages
- Use of media enhanced
- Biosafety integrated into curricula
- E-learning tools, education packages developed
- Collaboration with schools enhanced

PoW-Element 3 – Access to information



1. Popularise the right of access to information (ATI)
2. Popularise means of access
3. Establish institutional mechanisms and infrastructure to facilitate ATI, 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 the 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



Life in harmony, into the future
いのちの共生を、未来へ
COP 10 / MOP 5

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

CONCLUDING REMARKS



- Article 23 on PEAP critical to the successful implementation of the Protocol
- The CPB has moved to a new phase implementation to be guided by a Strategic Plan 2011-2012
- PoW on PAEP: A useful framework to guide action
- Important to keep abreast with new developments
- The BCH is a key source of information
- Maximise the tools developed through the BCH to facilitate implementation of the PoW: the PEAP portal, regional PEAP networks, survey templates

For Further Information Contact:

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

413 Saint Jacques Street, Suite 800
Montreal, QC, H2Y 1N9, Canada

Tel: +1 514 288 2220

Fax: + 1 514 288 6588

Email: secretariat@cbd.int

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

PAEP tools in the BCH:

http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_ar_t23/pa_main.shtml

