

Comments on the draft Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol and Capacity-Building Action Plan (2021-2030)

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Comments on the text and Appendix		
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5	Appendix Goal A.1.CB activities (i) and (iii)	Consideration could be given to implementing a ‘train-the-trainers’ programme
6	Appendix Goal A.1., Objective A.1.4, Indicator (d)	There could be an indicator pertaining to the extent to which Parties’ budgets and staff allow them to adequately operational their national biosafety frameworks.
5	A.1	#3 after the word “plan” insert “including the NBSAP”.
5	A.1	Add (iv) to read: Assist Parties with the development of standards for labelling, contained use, field trails and deliberate release of LMOs.
6	A.3	Add (v) to read: Provide funds to improve information technology infrastructures of BCH.
7	A.5	Item (v) add the word “veterinarians” after the word “officers”
7	A.5	This section should also include the socio - economic impacts. Add (vi) to read Training in socio-economic assessments
9	A.8	Add (v) to read: Improve national laboratory capacities

11	A.10	Add (v) to read: Develop legislation and regulations to address t Protocol and Supplementary Protocol.
12	B.1	Proposed capacity-building activity: Parties are provided with self-assessment capacity guidelines in order to identify their capacity building needs. Parties should be guided in a systematic way to determine what the critical needs that must be in place for implementation of the Protocol are. Being able to periodically self-assess may provide easy access information on justification for investment States in biosafety capacity-building and identify14 priority areas as the need arises.
13	Appendix, Goal B2, CB activity (iii)	It is recommended that reference be specifically made to Small Island Developing States.
14	B.3	The indicators seem biased towards promotion. They do not adequately measure whether public awareness has been raised. For example, indicator (b) could be substituted with “The number of Parties with biosafety components in relevant education and training programmes.
14	Appendix, Goal B3, CB activity (i)	Consideration should be given to, among other things, the methods and language used for dissemination of information to the public.
14	Appendix, Goal B3, CB activities	It is recommended that reference also be made to indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs), an important target audience.

Please submit your comments to secretariat@cbd.int by **17 January 2020**.