

Template for 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		
Page #	Line in text or Element in Appendix	Comment
1	11	Change “decided to develop” to “developed”. This will allow to generate a more concise speech
2	52-65	It is suggested to unify subsection 9 and 11 in a single paragraph
5	A.1.3	Parties have designated competent national authorities and national focal points for the Protocol that act in a coordinated way.
6	A.2/A.3 Key area (3)	Establishment of strategies for handling confidential information under human right approach.
6	A.2. Capacity-building activities	(iv) Provide training on the development of national biosafety websites and data management
6	Goal A.3	Full and truthful information on the implementation of the Protocol is made available by Parties.
7	Goal A.5	Parties carry out scientifically sound risk assessments of LMOs, and manage and control identified risks, in addition to the risk assessments presented by the promoters of applications for release to the environment, in order to make decisions without conflict of interest.
7	A.5. Indicator (d)	Percentage of Parties carrying out risk assessments, considering also traditional knowledge of IPLCs, as other available scientific evidence, referred to in Article 15, well as specific ecological elements of the regions that are Center of Origin and Diversification.
7	A.5 Outcome	Parties are able to identify, assess, and appropriately manage and control risks of LMOs to biodiversity and environment, taking also into account risks to human and animal health, and social and cultural risks.
8	A.5 Capacity building activities	(vi) Develop LMO monitoring framework and programmes, including post-release monitoring of LMOs and emergency response protocols. (vii) Establish and maintain networks of monitoring.

9	A.6 Capacity building activities	(i) Provide training on LMO documentation and identification requirements for customs and border control officials and other relevant stakeholders. Provide training on LMO detection for custom and border control officials. (vii) Develop rapid/quick detection techniques for authorized and non-authorized GMO events.
10	Objective A.9.1	Parties that choose to do so, take socio-economic considerations into account in decision-making in accordance with Article 26, according to cultural, environmental, socio-economic context.
10	A.9 Indicator (a)	Percentage of Parties that have developed reference materials with methodologies to take socio-economic considerations into account in the decision-making processes, in accordance with Article 26 of the Protocol and national characteristics.
10	A.9 Capacity-Building activities	(iii) Share experiences with taking into account socio-economic consideration and thereby provide feedback on reference materials.

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