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Capacity-Building

Background

Parties are required to cooperate in the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety for the purpose of the effective implementation of the Protocol, taking into account the needs of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for financial resources and access to technology and know-how.

What has been done?

At its first meeting, the COP-MOP adopted an Action Plan on capacity-building and established a coordination mechanism for implementation of the Action Plan. It also adopted guidelines for the Roster of Biosafety Experts and for the Voluntary Fund for the Roster, established by the COP to provide support, upon request, to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition.

At its third meeting, the COP-MOP adopted an updated version of the Action Plan and decided to conduct comprehensive reviews of the Action Plan every five years, based on an independent evaluation of the of the initiatives underpinning its implementation.

At its fifth meeting, the COP-MOP adopted terms of reference for the comprehensive review of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the effective Implementation of the Protocol to be considered at COP-MOP 6. The COP-MOP requested the Secretariat to commission an independent evaluation of the Action Plan and to prepare a working document to facilitate the comprehensive review of the Action Plan.

What is expected at COP-MOP 6?

At the sixth meeting, it is anticipated that the COP-MOP will, among other things:

Adopt a Framework and Action Plan⁰ for Capacity-Building for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol to replace the current updated Action Plan.

Consider and adopt strategic approaches aimed at improving the design, delivery, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of biosafety capacity-building initiatives.

Adopt measures to streamline and improve the implementation of the Coordination Mechanism.

Consider current status and operations of the roster of experts and adopt measures to maximize its use, including requesting experts on the roster to serve on relevant bodies under the Protocol such as Ad Hoc Technical Expert Groups (AHTEGs) and Informal Advisory Committees (IACs).



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