Scientific Tools and Capacity Building for Risk Assessment of Transgenic Plants

GMO Guidelines Project

As indicated in the Cartagena Protocol there is a clear and urgent need, in developing but also developed countries, for comprehensive scientific methods for pre-release testing and post-release monitoring of transgenic plants, to ensure their environmental safety and sustainable use. This project is a unique international initiative from public sector scientists, in particular scientists from developing countries have a key role.

The project is a capacity building opportunity for scientists to work on international scientific procedures, which are 'tested' in workshops using real contemporary case studies in Kenya, Brazil and Vietnam. We believe that this initiative has an important contribution to make for all parties to the Protocol as they develop or refine their regulations on environmental testing of transgenic plants.

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Tuesday 24 February Lunchtime Side Event

Panel presentation and discussion with project scientists, chaired by the Swiss government delegation.

Project members are available Monday and Tuesday at the MOP1. Contact at the COP7 and MOP1 for appointments: Evelyn Underwood, Legend Hotel, email: evelyn.underwood@env.ethz.ch

Programme

Dr Beat Nobs, Ambassador	Why is the Swiss government supporting this project?
Mr Hamdallah Zedan, CBD Secretariat	Welcome
Dr A Hilbeck, ETH Zurich, Switzerland	Introduction to the project
Dr C Ngichabe, ASARECA, East Africa	The Kenya Case Study
Dr E Fontes, EMBRAPA, Brazil	The Brazil Case Study
Dr BB Bong, Vice-Minister, Vietnam	The Vietnam Case Study
Dr DA Andow, UMN, USA	Conclusions and Outlook

Discussion

Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape SAEFL

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Environmental Risk Assessment of Transgenic Organisms: A Case Study of Bt Maize in Kenya

Edited by Drs A Hilbeck and DA Andow

The book will be part of a series produced by the UNEP-GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP), series editors are Drs. Anne Kapuscinski and Peter Schei.

To be published by CAB International. Expected publication date June 2004

In this book, we develop transparent and rigorous scientific methodologies for assessing potential environmental risks, using the example of Bt maize in Kenya, consistent with that called for by the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Registration Form (you can also register on the project website www.gmo-guidelines.info)

- ☐ I am interested in the book 'Environmental Risk Assessment of Transgenic Organisms: A Case Study of Bt Maize in Kenya' (NOTE: MOP1 delegates will be sent a free copy)
- ☐ I wish to be informed regularly about the GMO Guidelines Project. Please put me on the mailing list
- ☐ I wish to actively contribute to the project. I am a public sector scientist.

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