



## Capacity Building Activities, Projects and Opportunities

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### General information

#### Title of the initiative

Sub-regional Capacity Building Workshop for West Asia and North Africa on mainstreaming biosafety considerations into national biodiversity strategies and action plans

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#### Beneficiary country(ies)

- West Asia and North Africa

### Type of initiative

#### Timeframe

- Report on a completed initiative

#### Scope

- Series of activities

#### Main target group(s) / beneficiaries

- Government officials (policy makers, administrators, regulators, risk assessors, inspectors, etc.)
- Professionals, specialists and technicians
- Mass media and outreach/extension workers

**Start Date**

2014-11-16

**Ending date**

2014-11-20

**Donor(s) information****Agency(ies) or Organization(s) implementing or sponsoring the initiative****United Nations Environment Programme - Global Environment Facility (UNEP/GEF) / Biosafety Unit**

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**Activity details****Description of the initiative**

The workshop aims to improve the status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its supplementary protocol

**Objective and main expected outcomes or lesson learned**

Provide a platform for exchanging experiences and identifying challenges to the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol

Exchange views on the best ways to integrate biosafety into relevant national development plans and programs

Mobilize the financial and human resources necessary to promote the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol at the national level in line with the Strategic Plans of the Protocol

**General thematic area(s)**

- Institutional capacity
- Identification of LMOs, including their detection
- Human resources capacity development and training
- Socio-economic considerations
- Risk assessment and other scientific and technical expertise
- Implementation of the documentation requirements under Article 18.2 of the Protocol
- Risk management
- Handling of confidential information
- Public awareness, participation and education in biosafety
- Measures to address unintentional and/or illegal transboundary movements of LMOs
- Information exchange and data management including participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House
- Scientific biosafety research relating to LMOs
- Scientific, technical and institutional collaboration at subregional, regional and international levels
- Technology transfer

**Language**

- Arabic
- English

**Category(ies) of the initiative**

- Assessment/review
- Awareness raising/education
  - Awareness and educational materials

- Cooperation/coordination
  - Partnership development
- Information sharing
  - Expert meetings/consultations
- Institutional development
  - Administrative procedures and guidelines
- Legal/policy development and enforcement
  - Policy analysis
- Planning and development
  - Strategy and action plan development
- Technical assistance
  - Expert advice
  - Institutional development
  - Networking support
  - Planning support

#### **Additional Information**

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##### **Other relevant website address or attached documents**

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