



Capacity Building Activities, Projects and Opportunities

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General information

Title of the initiative

Biosafety Sensitization and Consultative Workshop

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Beneficiary country(ies)

- Zimbabwe

Type of initiative

Timeframe

- Report on a completed initiative

Scope

- Stand-alone activity

Main target group(s) / beneficiaries

- Government officials (policy makers, administrators, regulators, risk assessors, inspectors, etc.)
- General public (farmers, politicians, etc)

Start Date

2019-10-23

Ending date

2019-10-23

Donor(s) information

Agency(ies) or Organization(s) implementing or sponsoring the initiative

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Activity details

Description of the initiative

The African Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development / African Biosafety Network of Expertise (AUDA-NEPAD/ABNE), an African Union (AU) organisation responsible for supporting the building of Functional Biosafety Regulatory Systems in Africa Union member states, visited Zimbabwe from 14-17 August 2019 as one of the countries chosen to benefit from their biosafety needs assessment. The AUDA-NEPAD/ABNE officials presented on their mandates and operations before the Parliament Portfolio Committee (PPC) for Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development (HTESTD). They also paid a courtesy call to the Ministry of HTESTD, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement and Ministry of Environment, Tourism and Hospitality Industry. A request was then made for a platform to demystify biotechnology and GMOs for the parliamentarians and other stakeholders. The was held on 23 October 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Harare, Zimbabwe

Objective and main expected outcomes or lesson learned

The workshop will bring together approximately 100 participants, comprising of parliamentarians and stakeholders including other African biosafety agencies, seed companies, farmers' unions, civil civic society, academia and industry.

3. The Expected Outputs were as follows:

- i. Policy makers and stakeholders with science based information on GMOs.
- ii. Better dialogue on GM crops research

4. The expected Outcomes were:

- i. Renewed interest and support for research trials of GM crops.
- ii. An appreciation of modern biotechnology as one of the tools to bring socio-economic development
- ii. A strong and confident biosafety framework with public and political support.

5. Impact

Better understanding of GM crops leading to evidence based GMO policies.

General thematic area(s)

- Institutional capacity
- Socio-economic considerations
- Public awareness, participation and education in biosafety
- Scientific biosafety research relating to LMOs

Language

- English

Category(ies) of the initiative

- Assessment/review
 - Capacity needs assessment
- Awareness raising/education
- Biosafety research
- Cooperation/coordination
- Information sharing
 - Expert meetings/consultations