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General information

Title of the initiative

Training workshop on Access and Sharing Information through Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)

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Beneficiary country(ies)

- Sri Lanka

Type of initiative

Timeframe

- Report on a completed initiative

Scope

- Part of a larger initiative/project/programme

Main target group(s) / beneficiaries

- Government officials (policy makers, administrators, regulators, risk assessors, inspectors, etc.)
- Professionals, specialists and technicians

Start Date

2019-12-16

Ending date

2019-12-20

Donor(s) information

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

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Activity details

Description of the initiative

Training workshop on "Access and sharing information through Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)" was held from 16-20th December 2019 at the Agriculture Biotechnology Center (AgBC), University of Peradeniya, Kandy. The aim of the workshop was to make aware key stakeholders on how to access information in the BCH and use information on LMO/GMOs relevant to their work. A series of 5-day workshop was held to 30 participants on each day to customs and plant quarantine officers (3 days) and Seed inspectors/agriculture officers (2 days). The topics covered are: (i) overview of BCH central portal, (ii) Sri Lanka BCH, (iii) information resource on biosafety regulations for GMOs/LMOs in Sri Lanka, (iv) demonstration of interactive self-learning modules on Cartagena Protocol & BCH and (v) interactive case studies on using BCH. The training was conducted by the Chief General Manager, Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL), New Delhi, India who is the international consultant for BCH and the National Consultant for BCH web support. The training was organized and sponsored by the National Biosafety Project.

Objective and main expected outcomes or lesson learned

Key stakeholder groups in Sri Lanka were trained to access and share information through BCH.

General thematic area(s)

- Institutional capacity
- Human resources capacity development and training
- Public awareness, participation and education in biosafety
- Information exchange and data management including participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House
- Scientific, technical and institutional collaboration at subregional, regional and international levels

Language

- English

Category(ies) of the initiative

- Assessment/review
 - Case study/review
 - Capacity needs assessment
- Awareness raising/education
 - Awareness and educational materials
 - Website
- Human resource development/Training
 - Seminar/workshop
- Information sharing
 - National website
 - Web-based information service
- Institutional development
 - Communication systems