




## Capacity Building Needs and Priorities

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### Areas of capacity building

#### Broad areas in which capacity is needed

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

### Needs and priorities

#### Specific needs and priorities

- Development of a national biosafety policy

*Extent of implementation*

*Preferred means*

*Major target groups*

- Minimally addressed

- Technical assistance and advice
- Funding support
- Education and training

- General public
- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

#### • Development of national biosafety laws and regulations

##### *Extent of implementation*

- Partially addressed

##### *Preferred means*

- Technical assistance and advice
- Funding support
- Education and training

##### *Major target groups*

- General public
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Customs officials

#### • Guidance on mainstreaming of biosafety into other sectors

##### *Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

##### *Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Conferences and other fora

##### *Major target groups*

- Decision / policy-makers (e.g. Ministers)
- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists

#### • Development of a national liability and redress regime

##### *Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

##### *Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

##### *Major target groups*

- Decision / policy-makers (e.g. Ministers)
- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

#### • Support for implementation of the national biosafety framework

##### *Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

##### *Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

##### *Major target groups*

- General public
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Government regulators / administrators

#### • Streamlining of regulatory systems related to biosafety

##### *Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

##### *Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials

##### *Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Technical personnel / Scientists

#### • Tools for enforcement of biosafety laws and regulations

##### *Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

##### *Preferred means*

- Guidance / training materials
- Funding support
- Education and training

##### *Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Customs officials

#### • Development of administrative systems for handling applications for import and/or release of LMOs

##### *Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

##### *Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

##### *Major target groups*

- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

#### • Mechanisms for inter-institutional communication

##### *Extent of implementation*

##### *Preferred means*

##### *Major target groups*

- Minimally addressed

- Education and training
- Guidance / training materials
- Conferences and other fora

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Technical personnel / Scientists

• **Mechanism for coordination among national regulatory authorities and processes**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Conferences and other fora
- Membership with professional bodies / networks
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Government regulators / administrators

• **System for management of records related to LMO import applications and decisions**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Guidance / training materials
- Conferences and other fora

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Customs officials

• **System for decision-making on LMOs (procedures and guidelines)**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

• **Biosafety research facilities (e.g. greenhouses)**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice
- Education and training

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)

• **Office facilities, equipment and supplies for biosafety work**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Customs officials
- Technical personnel / Scientists

• **Telecommunication facilities (e.g. telephone, fax, e-mail)**

*Extent of implementation*

- Fully addressed

*Preferred means*

- [Not specified]

*Major target groups*

- [Not specified]

• **Access to information on available funding sources**

*Extent of implementation*

- Partially addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Conferences and other fora
- Exchange programmes, internships, study tours, etc.

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Technical personnel / Scientists

• **Budgeting and financial management skills**

*Extent of implementation*

- Fully addressed

*Preferred means*

- [Not specified]

*Major target groups*

- [Not specified]

• **Resource mobilisation skills (including project proposal writing)**

*Extent of implementation*

- Fully addressed

*Preferred means*

- [Not specified]

*Major target groups*

- [Not specified]

• **System for resource-recovery (e.g. system for collecting fees on applications)**

<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Fully addressed	◦ [Not specified]	◦ [Not specified]
<b>• System for tracking and dealing with unintentional or illegal transboundary movements</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Minimally addressed	• Education and training • Funding support • Technical assistance and advice	• Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors) • Government regulators / administrators • Customs officials
<b>• Mechanism for inspections and enforcement of biosafety laws</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Minimally addressed	• Education and training • Funding support • Technical assistance and advice	• Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors) • Government regulators / administrators • Customs officials
<b>• System for post-release monitoring of LMOs</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Not addressed	• Technical assistance and advice • Education and training	• Government regulators / administrators • Customs officials • Technical personnel / Scientists
<b>• Access to information on existing academic training programmes in biosafety</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Partially addressed	• Education and training • Technical assistance and advice • Scholarships / fellowships	• Government regulators / administrators • Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors) • Customs officials
<b>• Access to biosafety training materials</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Minimally addressed	◦ [Not specified]	◦ [Not specified]
<b>• Access to information on staff exchange/on-the-job-training opportunities</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Minimally addressed	• Conferences and other fora • Exchange programmes, internships, study tours, etc. • Scholarships / fellowships	• Government regulators / administrators • Technical personnel / Scientists • Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
<b>• Training in biosafety legislation and policy development and practice</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Minimally addressed	• Education and training • Funding support • Technical assistance and advice	• Government regulators / administrators • Technical personnel / Scientists
<b>• Training in scientific and technical fields relevant to biosafety</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Minimally addressed	• Education and training • Exchange programmes, internships, study tours, etc. • Scholarships / fellowships	• Government regulators / administrators • Technicians (e.g. in the laboratories) • Technical personnel / Scientists
<b>• Training in legal, social and economic fields relevant to biosafety</b>		
<i>Extent of implementation</i>	<i>Preferred means</i>	<i>Major target groups</i>
• Not addressed	• Conferences and other fora • Scholarships / fellowships • Exchange programmes, internships,	• Government regulators / administrators • Technical personnel / Scientists

study tours, etc.

- Other professionals (e.g. lawyers, economists, etc.)

• **Training in basics of biosafety and modern biotechnology**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Scholarships / fellowships
- Exchange programmes, internships, study tours, etc.
- Education and training

*Major target groups*

- Technicians (e.g. in the laboratories)
- Technical personnel / Scientists

• **Training in risk assessment**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Technicians (e.g. in the laboratories)

• **Training in risk management**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Technical assistance and advice
- Education and training
- Funding support

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

• **Training in biosafety regulatory issues**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

• **Training in biosafety communication**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Guidance / training materials
- Conferences and other fora

*Major target groups*

- General public
- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)
- Mass media / extension workers

• **Training in LMO sampling and detection**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Funding support

*Major target groups*

- Technicians (e.g. in the laboratories)
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Customs officials

• **Training in post-release monitoring of LMOs**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

• **Biosafety research**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Exchange programmes, internships, study tours, etc.
- Scholarships / fellowships

*Major target groups*

- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Technicians (e.g. in the laboratories)

• **Training in administrative practices for handling LMO import and release applications**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Decision / policy-makers (e.g. Ministers)
- Government regulators / administrators
- Customs officials

• **Training in preparation and presentation of LMO export or release applications/dossiers**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Guidance / training materials
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Decision / policy-makers (e.g. Ministers)
- Government regulators / administrators
- Other professionals (e.g. lawyers, economists, etc.)

• **Training in socio-economic considerations relating to LMOs**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Conferences and other fora

*Major target groups*

- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Government regulators / administrators

• **Training in cost/benefit analysis as part of the risk management strategy**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Other professionals (e.g. lawyers, economists, etc.)

• **Training in documentation and identification requirements for LMO shipments**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials
- Education and training

*Major target groups*

- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Customs officials
- Government regulators / administrators

• **Training in compliance requirements under the Protocol**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Conferences and other fora

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)

• **Training in liability and redress issues under the Protocol**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Technical personnel / Scientists

• **Access to basic ecological data to support risk assessments**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Technicians (e.g. in the

- **Guidance documents on specific aspects of risk assessment**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Guidance / training materials
- Technical assistance and advice

laboratories)

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Customs officials

- **Guidance on how to perform risk assessment**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Customs officials

- **National risk management system/strategy**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

- **System to detect and appropriately respond to unintentional LMO releases**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Customs officials
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Technical personnel / Scientists

- **Guidance on different risk management measures**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Technical personnel / Scientists

- **Mechanisms for cooperation in risk management**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Conferences and other fora
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- General public
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

- **National framework/system for post-release monitoring of LMOs**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Government regulators / administrators
- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)

- **Tools and methodologies for environmental monitoring of LMOs**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Funding support

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)
- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)

- **Biosafety awareness materials**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- General public
- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)
- Mass media / extension workers

- **Biosafety awareness and education programmes**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- General public
- Mass media / extension workers

- **Biosafety documentation units or reference libraries**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Mass media / extension workers
- Government regulators / administrators
- General public

- **Facilities for public access to biosafety information and means of access to the Biosafety Clearing-House**

*Extent of implementation*

- Partially addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Conferences and other fora

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- General public

- **National biosafety website**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Funding support
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- General public

- **Biosafety outreach strategy/ communication plan**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- General public
- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)

- **Training in risk-communication**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Mass media / extension workers
- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists

- **Systems for public participation in biosafety**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Membership with professional bodies / networks

*Major target groups*

- General public
- Government regulators / administrators
- Mass media / extension workers

- **National system (policy, procedures and mechanisms) for biosafety information management**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- IT, BCH and data / information managers

- **Equipment (hardware and software) to facilitate national participation in the BCH**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Funding support

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators



- **Systems for data and information security and back-up**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- IT, BCH and data / information managers

- **Systems for data validation and quality control**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- IT, BCH and data / information managers
- Government regulators / administrators

- **Mechanism for biosafety information gathering and reporting**

*Extent of implementation*

- Partially addressed

*Preferred means*

- Technical assistance and advice
- Funding support

*Major target groups*

- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Government regulators / administrators

- **Training in the use and management of the BCH central portal**

*Extent of implementation*

- Partially addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Funding support

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- IT, BCH and data / information managers

- **Mechanisms for regional cooperation**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Conferences and other fora
- Membership with professional bodies / networks

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Customs officials

- **Training in collaboration techniques and approaches**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials
- Conferences and other fora

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Customs officials

- **Training in negotiation skills**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Decision / policy-makers (e.g. Ministers)

- **Enabling policy/regulatory framework for technology transfer**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Technical assistance and advice
- Education and training

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists

- **Establishment of technology information platforms**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Technical assistance and advice
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Interest groups (consumer groups, farmers, NGOs, etc.)
- Technicians (e.g. in the laboratories)

- **National framework and action plan for technology transfer**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice
- Funding support

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists

- **Public-private partnerships for technology development**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Membership with professional bodies / networks
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- General public

- **Laboratory for LMO detection and analysis**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Other professionals (e.g. lawyers, economists, etc.)
- Technical personnel / Scientists

- **Guidance on unique identification systems**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Customs officials

- **Simple/quick LMO test kits**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training

*Major target groups*

- Customs officials
- Technicians (e.g. in the laboratories)
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

- **National system for taking into account socio-economic considerations in decision-making regarding LMOs**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Other professionals (e.g. lawyers, economists, etc.)

- **Guidance on taking into account socio-economic considerations in decision-making concerning LMOs**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Guidance / training materials
- Membership with professional bodies / networks

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Decision / policy-makers (e.g. Ministers)
- Other professionals (e.g. lawyers, economists, etc.)

- **Mechanisms for cooperation on research on socio-economic impacts of LMOs**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Government regulators / administrators
- Other professionals (e.g. lawyers, economists, etc.)

- **Development of LMO traceability systems**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Guidance / training materials
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Government regulators / administrators

- **Establishment of identity preservation systems**

*Extent of implementation*

- [Not specified]

*Preferred means*

- [Not specified]

*Major target groups*

- [Not specified]

- **National system for inspection and verification of documentation accompanying LMO shipments**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training

*Major target groups*

- [Not specified]

- **National system for managing and protecting confidential information**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Customs officials

- **Training in biosafety record keeping and information security**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Government regulators / administrators
- Customs officials
- Enforcement officials (e.g. field inspectors)

- **Guidance on assessment risks of LMOs to human health**

*Extent of implementation*

- Minimally addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Conferences and other fora
- Guidance / training materials

*Major target groups*

- [Not specified]

- **Regulatory framework for addressing human health impacts of LMOs**

*Extent of implementation*

- Not addressed

*Preferred means*

- Education and training
- Funding support
- Technical assistance and advice

*Major target groups*

- Technical personnel / Scientists
- Government regulators / administrators

## Additional Information

### Any other relevant information

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