

Invitation and practical information

The 3rd FAO/CBD/OECD webinar on international databases on biosafety: Training on effective use of data on the databases

9 December 2015

Objective and Scope

On 12 November 2014 the first webinar on international databases on biosafety was jointly organized by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). During the webinar, the mandates, scopes and activities of three databases namely the FAO GM Foods Platform, the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) and the OECD BioTrack product database were discussed.

Following the recommendations made during the first webinar, the second webinar was held on 27 May 2015. Many participants emphasized the importance of public engagement in the regulatory processes of GMOs. Experiences and perspectives were shared on public consultation procedures, communication with the media and the use of social media systems. The importance of national communication and coordination was highlighted while three international organizations work closely to strengthen synergies. Various options for such communication/coordination mechanisms including formal structures and informal approaches were discussed. Many participants indicated that such case studies from various countries are useful to adopt in the national context after tailoring the format. Participants also stated that the webinar approach has been very useful and requested to continue this effort in the future.

The third webinar will be particularly an interactive one to allow participants to engage in discussions. The webinar will provide a training opportunity with practical information on how to effectively use the data and knowledge contained the three databases hosted by the FAO, CBD and OECD. The webinar be held in two sessions to enable global participation over different time zones. Upon your successful participation, an electronic certificate will be provided.

Date: 9 December 2015

Time:

Session I: 09.00 Rome Time

Session II: 16.00 Rome Time

Duration: 2 hours

How to register?

Please return the registration form (URL) to GM-Platform@fao.org. Your registration is accepted from today until the 26 November 2015 at 12.00 (Rome time). Once you have registered, you will be on our e-mail list and we will send you a link that enables you to connect to the webinar. The link will be circulated two days before the webinar (7 December 2015).

We are looking forward to your participation. In case you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us via GM-Platform@fao.org.

Reports of the previous webinars

Final reports of the previous webinars are available at the following links.

The 1st webinar: http://tiny.cc/web1_report

The 2nd webinar: http://tiny.cc/web2_report (related pre-webinar eDiscussion report is available at http://tiny.cc/web2_eDis_report)

Databases maintained by the organizers

FAO GM Foods Platform (<http://fao.org/gm-platform>)

Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Biosafety Clearing House (<https://bch.cbd.int/>)

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

BioTrack Product Database (<http://www2.oecd.org/biotech/default.aspx>)

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)