

Webinar on the international databases on biosafety hosted by FAO in collaboration with UNEP-CBD and OECD

Invitation and Practical Information

12th November 2014

Objective and Scope of Webinar

Different countries conduct risk assessments on GMOs prior to their release in the environment and their use in food or feed. What are their experiences with risk assessment of GMOs? And what conclusions and decisions are derived from them? Different international organizations facilitate platforms where information on GM risk assessment can be shared.

A webinar will be organized that provides an overview on the resources on biosafety that are available on the internet. The webinar will describe the scope and content of the FAO GM Foods Platform, the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) maintained by UNEP-CBD and the Biotrack database of OECD.

The webinar will be interactive, allowing participants to ask questions and engage in discussions. The webinar will be broadcasted in two different sessions, to enable global participation over different time zones. A certificate will be provided to attending participants.

Practical Information

What? Webinar on Biosafety Resources

When? 12 November 2014

At what time? A morning session at 09:00 and an afternoon session at 16:00 (both GMT+1). The duration will approximately be 1,5 - 2 hours.

How to register? Please return the attached registration form to GM-Platform@fao.org. Your registration is accepted from today (20 October 2014) to no later than 7th of November 2014. 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 (10 Nov 2014).

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

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