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## FAO International Technical Conference

**Agricultural biotechnologies in developing countries: Options and opportunities in crops, forestry, livestock, fisheries and agro-industry to face the challenges of food insecurity and climate change (ABDC-10)**

**Guadalajara, Mexico, 1 – 4 March 2010**

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

**Monday, 1 March 2010**

**Morning: 9:00 hours**

#### **I. OPENING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

1. Opening of the conference
2. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
4. Appointment of the Rapporteur
5. Introductory remarks by FAO and the Government of Mexico
6. Keynote address

#### **II. PLENARY SESSION 1**

7. Targeting biotechnologies to the poor
  - a) Developing national biotechnology policies

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- b) Governance structures and organization
- c) Priority setting for research and development in biotechnology

**Afternoon: 14:00 hours**

**III. PARALLEL SESSIONS** (presentation and discussion of sector-specific background documents on the current status and options from biotechnologies in developing countries)

- a) Crops
- b) Livestock
- c) Forestry
- d) Fisheries and aquaculture
- e) Agro-industry

**IV. PARALLEL ROUNDTABLES** (presentation and discussion of sector-specific case studies of successful applications of biotechnologies in developing countries)

- a) Crops
- b) Livestock
- c) Forestry
- d) Fisheries and aquaculture
- e) Agro-industry

**Evening: 18:15 hours**

Knowledge share fair

**Tuesday, 2 March 2010**

**Morning: 09:00 hours**

**V. PLENARY SESSION 2**

- 8. Summary- output of Day 1
- 9. Investing in agricultural research and agricultural biotechnologies (International Fund for Agricultural Development [IFAD] presentation)
- 10. Biotechnologies in international agricultural research centers (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research [CGIAR] presentation)
- 11. Enabling research and development in agricultural biotechnologies
  - a) Capacity development
  - b) Funding
  - c) Regulation

**Afternoon: 14:00**

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**VI. PARALLEL SESSIONS** (Cross-cutting issues)

- a) Genomic applications (in collaboration with the CGIAR)
- b) Enhancing human capacities: Training and education (in collaboration with the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology [ICGEB])
- c) Ensuring equitable access to technology, including gender issues (in collaboration with Oxfam International)
- d) Empowering public participation in informed decision-making (in collaboration with the International Union for Conservation of Nature [IUCN])
- e) Prioritising the role of the farmer (in collaboration with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers [IFAP])

**Evening: 18:15 hours**

Knowledge share fair

**Wednesday, 3 March 2010**

**Morning: 09:00 hours**

**VII. PLENARY SESSION 3**

12. Summary- output of Day 2
13. Ensuring access to the benefits of research and development
  - a) Intellectual property rights
  - b) Public awareness and participation
  - c) Extension
14. South-South collaboration

**Afternoon: 14:00 hours**

**VIII. PARALLEL SESSIONS** (Region-specific discussions)

- a) Latin America and the Caribbean (in collaboration with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture [IICA] and the Technical Cooperation Network on Plant Biotechnology in Latin America and the Caribbean [REDBIO])
- b) Near East and North Africa (in collaboration with the Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa [AARINENA])
- c) Sub-Saharan Africa (in collaboration with the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa [FARA])
- d) Asia and the Pacific (in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions [APAARI])
- e) Eastern Europe and Central Asia

**IX. PARALLEL SESSIONS** (Cross-cutting issues)

- a) Policy coherence at the regional level (in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [UNCTAD])
- b) Biosafety in the broader context of biosecurity
- c) Intellectual property rights (in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization [WIPO])
- d) Development of high added value agricultural products for medicinal and industrial use (in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization [UNIDO])
- e) Conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for food and agriculture (in collaboration with the CGIAR)

**Evening: 18:15 hours**

Knowledge share fair

**Thursday, 4 March 2010**

**Morning: 09:00 hours**

**X. PLENARY SESSION 4**

15. Summary- output of Day 3
16. Moving beyond business-as-usual: Options for developing countries
17. Moving beyond business-as-usual: Priorities for Action for the international community

**Afternoon: 14:00 hours**

18. Adoption of the conference Report
19. Closing remarks
20. Closure of the conference