

Knowledge Share Fair – Information for ABDC-10 Participants

The FAO international technical conference on Agricultural Biotechnologies in Developing Countries (ABDC-10, <http://www.fao.org/biotech/abdc>) takes place in Guadalajara, Mexico on 1-4 March 2010. It is hosted by the Government of Mexico and co-sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR), the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), and the World Bank are major partners in this initiative.

A draft conference programme has now been developed (<http://www.fao.org/biotech/abdc/prog/>). For the first three days, there are plenary sessions in the morning followed by parallel sessions (that are sector-specific, regional or dealing with cross-cutting issues) in the afternoon and a **Knowledge Share Fair** in the evening. The Knowledge Share Fair will take place in the foyer of the Conference rooms in the Hilton Guadalajara Hotel on 1-3 March, from 6:15 PM to 8:30 PM.

The purpose of the Knowledge Share Fair is to promote **good knowledge sharing practices** in the field of agricultural biotechnologies (for crops, forestry, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, agro-industry) for rural development and food security. **Please note that the event is not a platform for advertising or selling products/merchandise.** This event will offer ABDC-10 participants a place to meet informally, discuss and share ideas, experiences, and information. There are 20 **information booths** available (including one table and two chairs per booth); 20 **boards for posters** (70 x 100 cm); and 20 **tables for information materials** (leaflets, brochures, publications etc).

There will also be limited opportunity for **Open Space**, a method for suggesting an idea/theme and then convening small groups around a specific question, task, or area of importance. The groups thus formed would create their own agenda and examine the issues on hand. Proposals for Open Space initiatives can be submitted directly during the conference in Guadalajara.

ABDC-10 participants are invited to submit a proposal, in the format below, before 31 January 2010 to Preetmoninder.Lidder@fao.org. The proposals will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis. There is no charge for this.

Application form for presentation at the Knowledge Share Fair on 1-3 March 2010

<u>Section 1: Identification of ABDC-10 Participant</u>	
Name	
Organization	
Title/position	
Address	
Project/initiative title	
Organizational contact (email and website)	

Section 2: Synopsis of Presentation

Please write a short paragraph describing the proposal content (maximum 50 words).

(enter the abstract here)

Section 3: Format of Presentation

What format would you like to use? (Mark your preference with "X").

Note: Please be informed that assignment of the below format is not guaranteed and will be subject to the availability of booths, poster boards, and display tables. If you are ready to accept alternative solutions, please indicate your order of preference.

Information booth -- Information booths offer an opportunity to get in individual contact with the presenter. A pin board and a table host informative material (e.g. posters and photographs, booklets and brochures).	
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Poster board -- Everyone presenting a poster will be present at his/her exhibition board at a certain time during the Fair.	
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Information material display -- A table can host leaflets, brochures, publications or other information materials to be displayed/distributed.	
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Video demonstration -- This will be an opportunity to show video films documenting interesting experiences. The film duration should be shorter than 20 minutes. The presenters will be responsible for getting their own equipment.	
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Other formats may be considered, please specify.	
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