Meeting objectives

OBJECTIVES AND STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING & INTRODUCTION OF SESSION CHAIRS

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Objectives

- Facilitate international dialogue
- Present the results of relevant FAO technical analyses
  - Trade and economic analysis
  - Food and feed regulatory issues

Scope

- Technical and exploratory
- A forum for experts to present the results of their research findings on the issue
- Prerogative of participants to consider the findings for relevant national policies, regulations and guidelines
- Not intended to make any recommendation for any decisions or policies that national authorities make
Meeting structure

- 10 sessions
- Day 1
  1. Opening session
  2. International session
  3. LLP/AP incidents session
  4. Discussion session #1 (LLP/AP incidents)
- Day 2
  5. Trade impact and regulatory issues session
  6. Discussion session #2 (Policy issues)
  7. Discussion session #3 (Developing countries)
  8. Discussion session #4 (Future trends)
  9. Short discussion session #5 (data/information needs to better understand and project the trends)
  10. Closing session
Session 1: Opening session

- Present session chaired by Mr Ren Wang
- Overview of the issue (IFPRI)
- Background information: Objectives, Codex work, Working Definitions, FAO GM Foods Platform

Session 2: Activities at international level

- Next session after the coffee/tea break
- Relevant international organizations: OECD, UNEP and WTO will speak about their relevant scope of the work, activities, principles, guidelines and tools
- It is important we all understand what organization has what mandate and scope on the topic of low levels of GM crops.

Session 3: Low Level Presence (LLP)/Adventitious Presence (AP) incidents

- Quick recap of FAO survey results on LLP/AP incidents
- Government officials: EU, Canada, Sudan and Philippines as well as NGO and industry representatives speak about their experience and perspectives
Session 4: Why and how LLP/AP occurs

- Today’s last session
- FAO’s study will be presented (Background Paper #1, Chapter 4)
- Discussions (open to floor)
- Panel members (resource people) are available to share experience with the audience

Session 5: Trade and regulatory issues

- First session tomorrow
- FAO’s study on Trade issues will be presented (Background Paper #2)
- FAO’s study on food and feed regulatory issues will be presented (Background Paper #1, Chapter 5-8)
- Discussions (open to floor)

Session 6: LLP policy issues

- Discussions (open to floor) – based on the Background Paper #1, Chapter 5-6
Session 7: Needs and concerns for developing countries

- One country case will be presented
- Discussions (open to floor) – based on the Background Paper #1, Chapter 7

Session 8: Future trends

- Discussions (open to floor) – based on the Background Paper #1, Chapter 8

Session 9: Data/information needs

- Discussions (open to floor)

Session 10: Closing session

- Summary of the meeting
- Closing remarks from Mr Ren Wang
Introducing our session chairs...

- **Mr Ren Wang**, Assistant Director General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

- **Ms Awa Aidara-Kane**, Coordinator, Foodborne and Zoonotic Diseases, Department of Food Safety and Zoonoses, World Health Organization (WHO)

- **Mr Alex Owusu-Biney**, GEF Portfolio Manager for Biosafety, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- **Mr Peter Kearns**, Principal Administrator, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

- **Ms Christiane Wolff**, Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)

- **Renata Clarke**, Senior Officer, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, FAO