

Invitation and Practical Information

FAO/CBD/OECD Webinars of International Databases on Biosafety

No. 2 Good practices for effective national communication mechanisms

27 May 2015

Objective and Scope of Webinar

On 12 November 2014 the Webinar on the International Databases on Biosafety was jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). During the webinar, the mandate, scope and activities of the FAO GM Foods Platform, the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) of the CBD and the OECD BioTrack Product Database were presented.

One of the key points discussed during this webinar was the importance of national focal/contact points for three databases working together in close collaboration. Although the participants of the webinar widely acknowledged this need, many participants stated that they are in need of establishing and/or improving effective communication and coordination mechanisms. Therefore FAO, CBD and OECD plan to organize the second biosafety webinar on “Good practices for effective national communication mechanisms”. The objective of this webinar is to provide a forum to facilitate the discussions among the focal points of the three databases on biosafety (FAO, CBD and OECD) and the sharing experiences and good practices in establishing/improving national communication mechanisms on the topic of biosafety.

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.

Online e-Discussion

Prior to the webinar, the secretariats of the FAO, CBD and OECD are organising an online discussion forum for focal points and contact points of the GM Foods Platform of FAO, the Biosafety Clearing-House of the CBD and the BioTrack Product Database of OECD to share their views on the challenges and experiences they faced in establishing and maintaining effective inter-agency communication, at the national level, on biosafety-related issues. The output of these discussions will be used to develop the content of the webinar. This discussion will be held between 20 April – 8 May 2015 at

https://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art20/fao-cbd-oecd/discussion/

Practical Information

Date: 27 May 2015

Time: A morning session at 09.00 and an afternoon session at 16.00 (Rome Time).

Duration: approximately 1.5 - 2 hours

How to register?

Please return the attached registration form to GM-Platform@fao.org. Your registration is accepted from today (30 April 2015) until the 25th May 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 (25th May 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.

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