FAO GM Foods Platform
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WHAT IS THE FAO GM FOODS PLATFORM?
The FAO GM Foods Platform is a simple online platform for Codex Members to share information on safety assessments of foods derived from recombinant-DNA plants authorized in accordance with the Codex “Guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant-DNA plants” (CAC/GL 45-2003, annex III adopted in 2008).

PLATFORM MANAGEMENT
The Food Safety and Quality Unit in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department of FAO is responsible for management of the FAO GM Foods Platform. Each country is responsible for the accuracy of their information submitted to the Platform.
HOW IT WORKS
The FAO GM Foods Platform is freely accessible for those who wish to browse the information. Registration is required for those who wish to upload information. Only officially nominated Focal Points are able to register with the Platform. One Focal Point per FAO Member is officially nominated by the respective country through its Codex Contact Point.

FIGURE 2. How the FAO GM Foods Platform works

CURRENT STATUS OF THE PLATFORM
As of 28 February 2014, a total of 131 countries have nominated the Focal Points for the platform and 119 countries have registered. Our aim is to have all 193 countries by the end of this year. Also, 59 countries have completed their country profile page, and the Platform now hosts 297 records.

FIGURE 3. Regional share of Platform Focal Points

* Conducted according to the Codex Guidelines
FAO members that have nominated their Focal Points to the Platform (as of 28 February 2014):

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, DRC Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, European Union, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

If your country is not included in the list above, contact your country’s Codex Contact Point to go through the nomination process, or the Platform team at GM-Platform@fao.org to initiate the process. All FAO Members are welcome to join the Platform community.
The numbers of focal points nominated and registered are consistently increasing. However, 62 countries have not nominated Platform Focal Points. FAO aims to achieve the target (193 countries) by the end of 2014.

The number of countries that have completed their country profile is also consistently increasing. However, only 30% of FAO Members have uploaded their profiles. All FAO Members are strongly encouraged to complete their country profiles.

**PLATFORM USER GUIDE**

FAO developed the Platform user guide with step-by-step instructions for browsing and uploading the data and information. The user guide is available in the “Resources” section of the Platform.

In the “Resources” section, there are other useful documents that are relevant to the topic of safety assessment of food and feed derived from biotechnology. They include relevant Codex documents as well as FAO training tools for trainers on GM food safety assessment.

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The FAO GM Foods Platform is useful when all FAO members participate and share information. Contact gm-Platform@fao.org to find out how to actively participate in the Platform community.