



## FAO GM Foods Platform

<http://fao.org/gm-platform>

### 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).

FIGURE 1. Platform homepage (<http://fao.org/gm-platform/>)



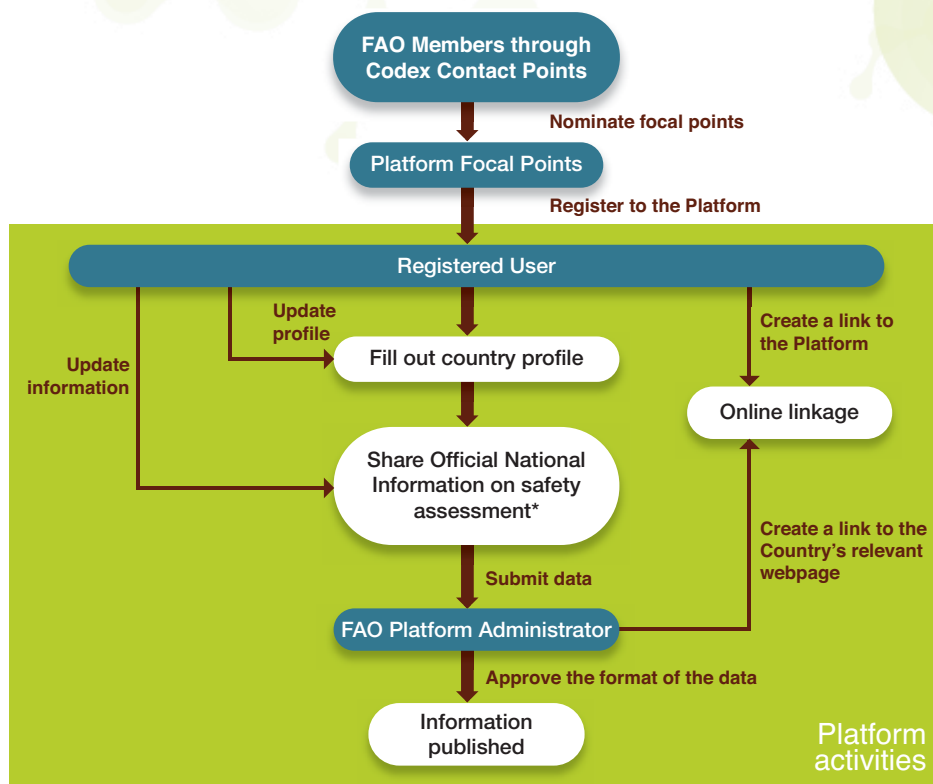
### PLATFORM MANAGEMENT

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

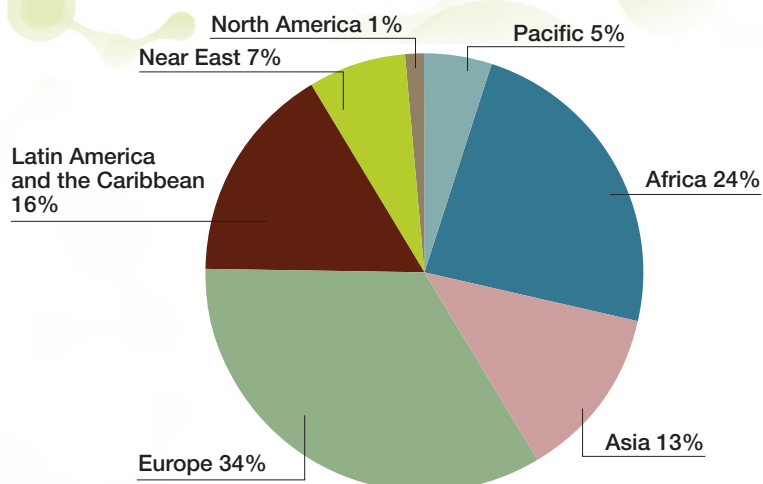


\* Conducted according to the Codex Guidelines

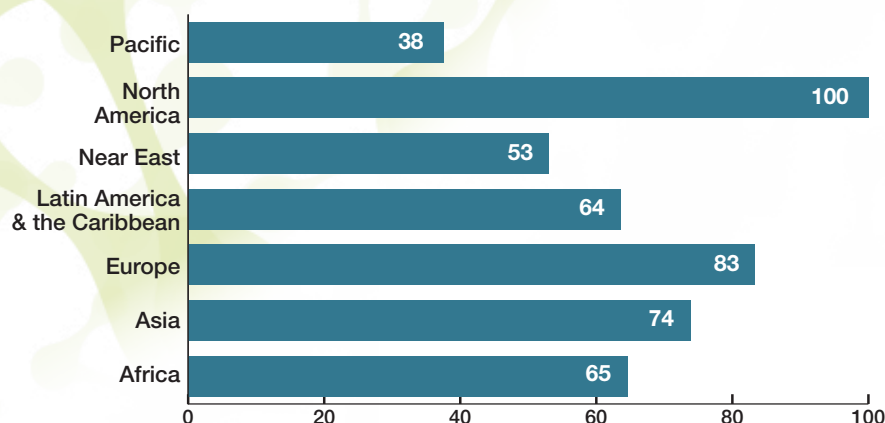
## CURRENT STATUS OF THE PLATFORM

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



**FIGURE 4. Regional distributions of Platform Focal Points**



## **FAO MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOMINATED THEIR FOCAL POINTS TO THE PLATFORM**

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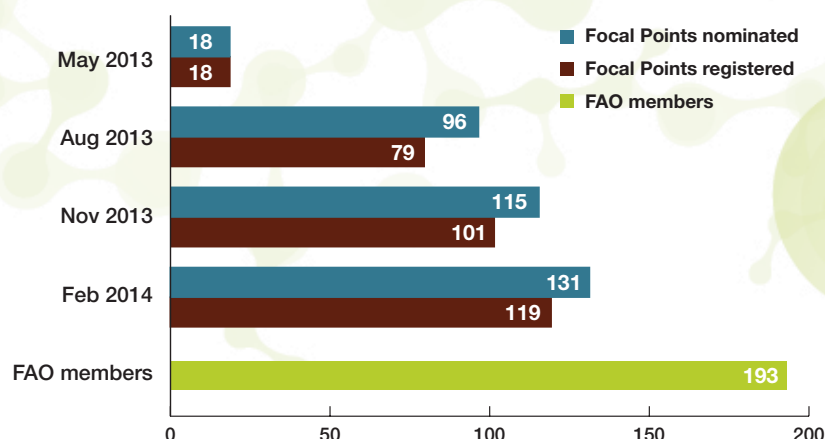
Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, 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](mailto:GM-Platform@fao.org)** to initiate the process. All FAO Members are welcome to join the Platform community.

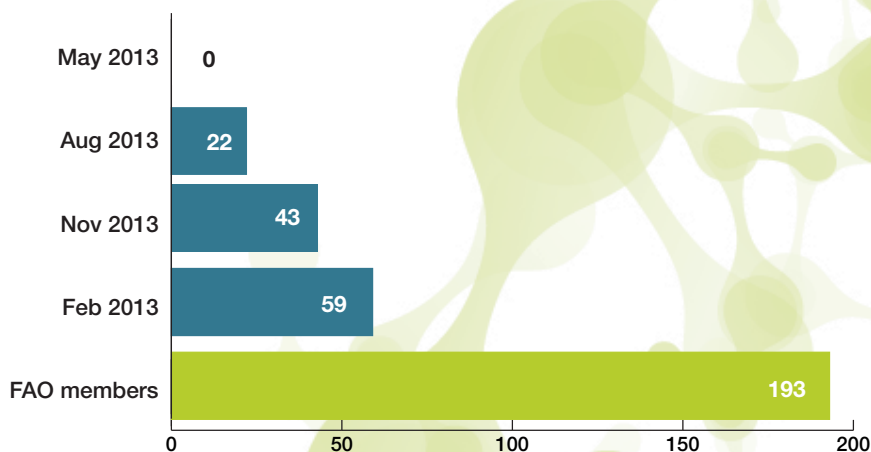
The numbers of focal points nominated and registered are consistently increasing. However 62 countries have not nominated Platform Focal Points. FAO aims to achieve the target (193 countries) by the end of 2014.

**FIGURE 5. Progress of nomination and registration of Platform Focal Points**



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.

**FIGURE 6. Progress of completion of country profiles by Platform Focal Points**



## 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.

## Visit <http://fao.org/gm-platform> to find out more

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.

