



Meeting objectives

OBJECTIVES AND STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING &
INTRODUCTION OF SESSION CHAIRS

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