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DATE AND TIME	COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION
Monday 12th May		
13:30-13:45	Raein Africa	Lessons learnt from the development and implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks (NBFs) * The case of 2 Southern African countries, regional approach to capacity building the Biosafety and Environment Project experiences *Achievements, Lessons Learnt and the way forward and Biotechnology and Biosafety Research Agenda setting processes * The case on RAEIN - in Southern Africa
13:45-14:00	African Union	Power Point Presentation describing the initiative and what has been done so far between 2005-2007.
14:00-14:15	BELGIUM - Scientific Institute of Public Health and Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences	English Presentation: Experiences and lessons learned in the design and implementation of training courses for the use of the Biosafety Clearing-House

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African Union	<u>Leaflets</u> : the AUC-GTZ Biosafety Initiative on regional capacity building
BELGIUM - Scientific Institute of Public Health and Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences	<u>Posters</u> : Experiences and lessons learned in the design and implementation of training courses for the use of the Biosafety Clearing-House <u>Poster</u> : Components of the National Biosafety Framework and objectives of its implementation, measures taken and stakeholders involved. Lessons learned from the UNEP/GEF Projects on Development of the National Biosafety Framework and Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework. Importance of public information, awareness and education – methods and ways used. <u>Display of printed material</u> : *Publications resulting from the UNEP/GEF Projects and dealing with the following biosafety related issues: National Biosafety Framework for the Czech Republic (Report), biological diversity and biosafety issues, genetic resources (their importance, use and protection) and biosafety principles, genetically modified organisms (their origin, present and perspective use), genetically modified microorganisms, legislation and regulations in the sphere of biosafety (national, regional, international), public awareness and promotion of education on biosafety at schools, biosafety terminology (Czech – English), workshops proceedings. *Printed material of the Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Agriculture.
CZECH REPUBLIC	
COLOMBIA - Alexander von Humboldt Institute on Biological Resources Reseach	<u>Posters</u> : BCH in Colombia

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13:30-13:45	BELGIUM - Scientific Institute of Public Health and Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences	French Presentation: Experiences and lessons learned in the design and implementation of training courses for the use of the Biosafety Clearing-House
13:45-14:00	MOLDOVA	Presentation in Power Point (PPT) format: Implementation of National Biosafety Framework in Moldova: challenges and best practices.
14:00-14:15	MEXICO-National Ecology Institute	A new GMO detection laboratory: achievement of the Environment Ministry of Mexico Martha Rocha, Alma Delia Nava and Adriana Otero-Arnaiz

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European Commission - DG Joint Research Centre Institute for Health and Consumer Protection	<u>DVDs, poster and leaflets</u> : An overview of EU activities for the development and harmonisation of GMO detection methods and sampling procedures
Friends of the Earth	<u>Posters and Publications</u> : Showcase our campaign work on Living Modified Organisms, and our experiences and actions related to public awareness, education and participation, including mobilization of the media for communication of messages on the importance of biosafety and of the Protocol.
MEXICO-National Ecology Institute	<u>Posters:</u> *A new GMO detection laboratory: achievement of the Environment Ministry of Mexico *Environmental Risk Assessment Protocol in Mexico Saúl Castañeda, Berta Michel and Adriana Otero-Arnaiz. In order to provide the most accurate information to governmental regulatory agencies in charge of risk management, and decision making about the release of GMOs to the environment, in accordance with the third Annex of the Cartagena Protocol, a risk assessment protocol for the deliberate release of Genetically Modified Organisms into the environment was developed. This risk assessment protocol, which consists of a flow diagram, a software, and a guidance document, has been followed by the National Institute of Ecology of Mexico since 2005. *The environmental risk assessment strategy for the release of GMOs, must be subject to a constant update in order to incorporate the fast upcoming knowledge in the field of transgenic biology. Here, we present a brief description of our risk assessment instrument and also an update of the first version. Finally we discuss various concepts that may lead to a more accurate risk assessment.
MOLDOVA	<u>Books:</u> *Andrei Palii, Galina Comarova, Angela Lozan, Vasile Scorpan "Modern Biotechnologies in Fitotechnics and Biosafety", Chisinau, 2004, 232p. * Vasile Scorpan, Angela Lozan "Dictionary of Biotechnology Terms", Chisinau, 2005, 184p. * Maria Duca, Angela Lozan, Angela Port, Aliona Glijin, Victor Lupaşcu "Methodological Aspects in Testing the Genetically Modified Plants", Chisinau, 2008, 168p. * Ion Amarfii, Angela Lozan "Operational Guide of the Biosafety Portal in the Republic of Moldova", Chisinau, 2008, 104p. * Angela Lozan, Inessa Galitschi, Olga Scorpan "Biosafety: The Institutional – Legislative Framework in the Republic of Moldova", Chisinau, 2008, 252p. <u>Brochures:</u> * "National Biosafety Framework", Chisinau, 2004, 56p. Romanian and English versions *Serhiy Vykhryst, Olexiy Angurets, Andriy Ostapenko, Ivan Ignatiev, Ilya Trombitsky "Amendments to the Aarhus Convention (Almaty, 2005) as an international mechanism for public access to decision-making in the field of Biosafety", Chisinau, 2006, 40p. * Ivan Ignatiev, Ilya Trombitsky, Angela Lozan "Genetically Modified Organisms and Biosafety", Chisinau, 2007. 60p. * Angela Lozan, Victoria Holostenco "Genetically Modified Organisms and Human Health", Chisinau, 2008, 72p. * Angela Lozan "Biosafety Concerns in the Republic of Moldova: opportunities and challenges", Chisinau, 2008, 52p. English <u>CDs:</u> relevant information regarding implementation of the CP in Moldova

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Wednesday 14th May		
13:30-13:45	NORWAY - Norwegian Institute of Gene Ecology (GENØK) - Center for Biosafety	Capacity-building activities at the Norwegian Institute of Gene Ecology (GENØK) - Center for Biosafety There will be a short presentation of the experiences in capacity-building activities that takes place at GenØk – Centre for Biosafety (CFB) regarding: *The courses in "Holistic Foundations for Assessment and Regulation of Genetic Engineering and Genetically Modified Organism" *The Master of Science Program in Biosafety *The Biosafety Gateways Institute Initiative
13:45-14:00	European Commission - DG Joint Research Centre Institute for Health and Consumer Protection	An overview of EU activities for the development and harmonisation of GMO detection methods and sampling procedures

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NORWAY - Norwegian Institute of Gene Ecology (GENØK) - Center for Biosafety	<u>Written material:</u> Discussion paper developed by the Norwegian Biotechnology Advisory Board (BAB) on sustainability, benefit to the society and ethics in the assessment of genetically modified organisms. It is available at the website of the Advisory Board (http://www.bion.no/publikasjoner/sustainability.pdf). The paper has also been published on the Biosafety Information Resource Centre of the BCH.
Raein Africa	<u>Posters:</u> Various experiences from Southern Africa on the development of Biosafety Frameworks and the challenges faced by the network partners. Discussions will be held with interested parties and information pamphlets on the network will be distributed.
TANZANIA	<u>Published books:</u> Development and implementation phase for the National Biosafety Framework.
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	<u>Posters and displays:</u> *Work on CC:iNet < http://unfccc.int/ccinet >, the information network clearing house to facilitate the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention (education, training and public awareness, participation and access to information, and international cooperation). *The UNFCCC secretariat has developed and implemented this web-based clearing house mechanism to collect and disseminate existing materials, services and tools relevant to the implementation of Article 6, facilitating information exchange between Parties and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations. *The display will be supported by Mr. David Paterson and Ms. Laurence Pollier, providing orientation and training on the usage of CC:iNet, focussing on searching CC:iNet, registration and contributing to the information pool.