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LATIN AMERICAN TRAINING COURSE ON RISK ASSESSMENT OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Panama City, 20-24 August 2018

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the workshop:

1.1. Welcoming remarks;

1.2. Organization of work;

1.3. Introduction of participants.

2. Overview of biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety:

2.1. History of the Protocol and main provisions;

2.2. Techniques used in modern biotechnology;

2.3. Synthetic biology and biosafety.

3. Risk assessment experiences in the region:

3.1. Experience of Panama with risk assessment and the regulatory system for living modified organisms;

3.2. Presentations from participants: national experience with risk assessment and the application of the Cartagena Protocol.

4. National biosafety frameworks:

4.1 Competent national authorities, practices and principles;

4.2. Expert advice and the role of risk assessors.

5. Overview of the risk assessment:

5.1. Methodology;

5.2. Overarching issues (quality and relevance of information, uncertainty);

5.3. The planning phase (context and scope, assessment endpoints, choice of comparators);

5.4. Conducting the risk assessment (identification of novel characteristics, evaluation of livelihood and consequences, estimation of the overall risk, acceptability of risk);

5.5. Preparing a risk assessment report and recommendation.

6. Case studies:

6.1. Presentation of case study 1 (plenary session to exemplify how to apply the risk assessment methodology);

6.2. Presentation of case study 2 and practical session (break-out groups).

7. Resource mobilization and the Biosafety Clearing-House:

7.1. Biosafety resource mobilization;

7.2. Biosafety Clearing‑House.

8. Conclusions and recommendations:

8.1. Evaluation of the workshop;

8.2. Closure of the workshop.

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