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Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms for Western, Central and Eastern Asia

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provisional agenda

1. Opening of the workshop:

1.1. Welcoming remarks;

1.2. Introduction of participants;

1.3. Organization of work.

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

2.1. History of the protocol and main provisions;

2.2. The Biosafety Clearing-House;

2.3. Techniques used in modern biotechnology.

3. National Biosafety Frameworks:

3.1. Türkiye’s National Biosafety system and experience

3.2. Competent national authorities, practices and principles;

3.3. Expert advice and the role of the risk assessors

4. Overview of the risk assessment:

4.1. Methodology;

4.2. Overarching issues (Quality and relevance of information, uncertainty);

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

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

4.5. Preparing a risk assessment report and recommendation;

4.6. Websites and other sources of information useful for the risk assessment.

5. Case Studies:

5.1. Presentation of case study 1;

5.2. Presentation of case study 2.

6. Current risk assessment discussions, cooperation opportunities and resource mobilization:

6.1. Biosafety cooperation initiatives within Asia

6.2 Risk assessment discussions under the Cartagena Protocol and resource mobilization opportunities.

7. Conclusions and recommendations:

7.1. Evaluation of the workshop and feedback;

7.2. Closure of the workshop.

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