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ANGLOPHONE AFRICAN TRAINING COURSE ON RISK ASSESSMENT OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Pretoria, 8-12 April 2019

# 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. Techniques used in modern biotechnology;

3. Risk assessment experiences in the region:

3.1. Experience of South Africa 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, risk hypothesis);

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;

6.2. Presentation of case study 2 and practical session.

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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