The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Programme of Work on Public Awareness, Education and Participation Regarding LMOs

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OVERVIEW

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Part II: CBP Provisions on PAEP

Part II: MOP Decisions on PAEP

Part III: PEAP Programme of Work

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Provisions on PAEP

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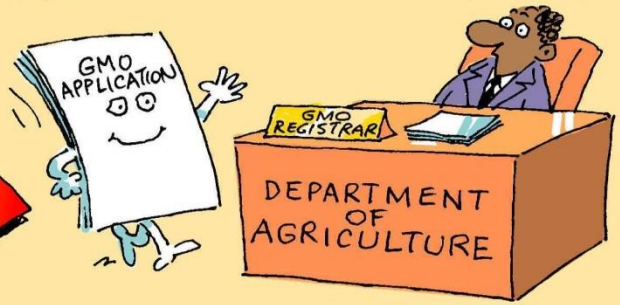
Article 23 requires Parties to:

- Promote and facilitate PAEP concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs; Cooperate in doing so
- Ensure that PAE encompass access to information on LMOs imported
- Consult the public in decision-making processes regarding LMOs; avail to them decisions taken
- Inform the public about the means of public access to the Biosafety Clearing-House

THE GMO APPLICATION PROCESS

PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

INTERESTED PARTIES FILL OUT AN APPLICATION TO DEVELOP GMO'S



THE GMO APPLICATION IS SENT TO THE REGISTRAR FOR GMO'S AT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

THE REGISTRAR CHECKS TO SEE IF THE APPLICATION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GMO ACT

THE APPLICATION IS EVALUATED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE REQUESTED FROM THE APPLICANT

A RECOMMENDATION DOCUMENT IS PREPARED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EVALUATES THE APPLICATION, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC INPUT

THE GMO REGISTRAR IS INFORMED OF THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND IMPLEMENTS IT

A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED FOR CONTAINED USE...

FIELD TRIALS...

...OR COMMERCIAL COMMODITIES.

COP-MOP Decisions on PAEP

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COP-MOP 2:

•ES - intensify cooperation with the Aarhus Convention

•Share info, experiences through BCH

COP-MOP 4:

•Agreed to consider a programme of work on PAEP @ MOP 5

•New SCBD Outreach strategy

COP-MOP 5:

•Adopt a programme of work on PAEP (2011-2015)

•ES: Establish an online forum and other means to facilitate exchange of information/experience on PoW implementation

PoW on PAEP (2011-2015)

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Programme Elements:

1. Capacity-building
2. Public awareness and education
3. Public access to information
4. Public participation

Each programme element includes:

- Operational Objectives
- Expected Outcomes; Indicators
- Suggested Activities
- Time Frame
- Actors

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PoW-PAEP: Element 1- Capacity Building

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1. Legal/policy frameworks and mechanisms on PAEP
2. Institutional mechanisms:
   - Advisory committees, information centres
   - Collaboration with Aarhus Convention
3. Human resources development:
   - Roster of experts
   - Training programmes for biosafety educators/communicator
   - Guidance materials
4. Collaboration/sharing of experience, resources

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PoW-Element 2 – Awareness/Education

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Promote public awareness and education:

1. Baseline awareness surveys
2. Awareness plans/programmes
3. Awareness materials
4. Public announcements
5. Use of media
6. Integration of biosafety into curricula
7. E-learning tools, education packages
8. Collaborate with schools

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PoW-Element 3 – Access to information

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1. Popularise right of access to information
2. Popularise means of access
3. Establish infrastructure for access, e.g. websites, BCH nodes
4. Information alert systems
5. Establish procedures for access to information

PoW-Element 4 – Public participation

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1. Establish PP frameworks and SOPs
2. Administrative mechanisms/systems for PP
3. Public notification of PP opportunities
4. Platforms for public feedback, comments
5. Availing resources to facilitate PP
6. Popularise right to PP in d/making

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CPB Strategic Plan elements on PAEP

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OP 2.5 (Enhance capacity for PAEP)

- Access to guidance/training materials on PEAP
- Training in PAEP skills
- Mechanisms for ensuring PP in d/making
- Informing the public on modalities for participation

OP 5.3 (Communication and outreach)

- Awareness/outreach programmes
- National communication strategies
- Biosafety websites, searchable databases
- Awareness/educational materials

WAY FORWARD

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- National PAEP Action Plans (within NBF framework)
- Regional and international cooperation (including through regional organizations and networks)
- Regional biosafety PAEP networks/ websites
- Cooperation with Aarhus Convention and other relevant instruments
- Maximise existing tools (e.g. online forum on PAEP, baseline survey templates, BCH-BIRC, PEAP portal in the BCH, etc.)
- Secretariat is organising regional training workshops

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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- Article 23 on PEAP critical to the successful implementation of the Protocol
- Important to keep abreast with new developments
- The CPB has moved to a new phase implementation to be guided by a Strategic Plan 2011-2012
- The PoW on PAEP provides a useful framework to guide national/regional level activities

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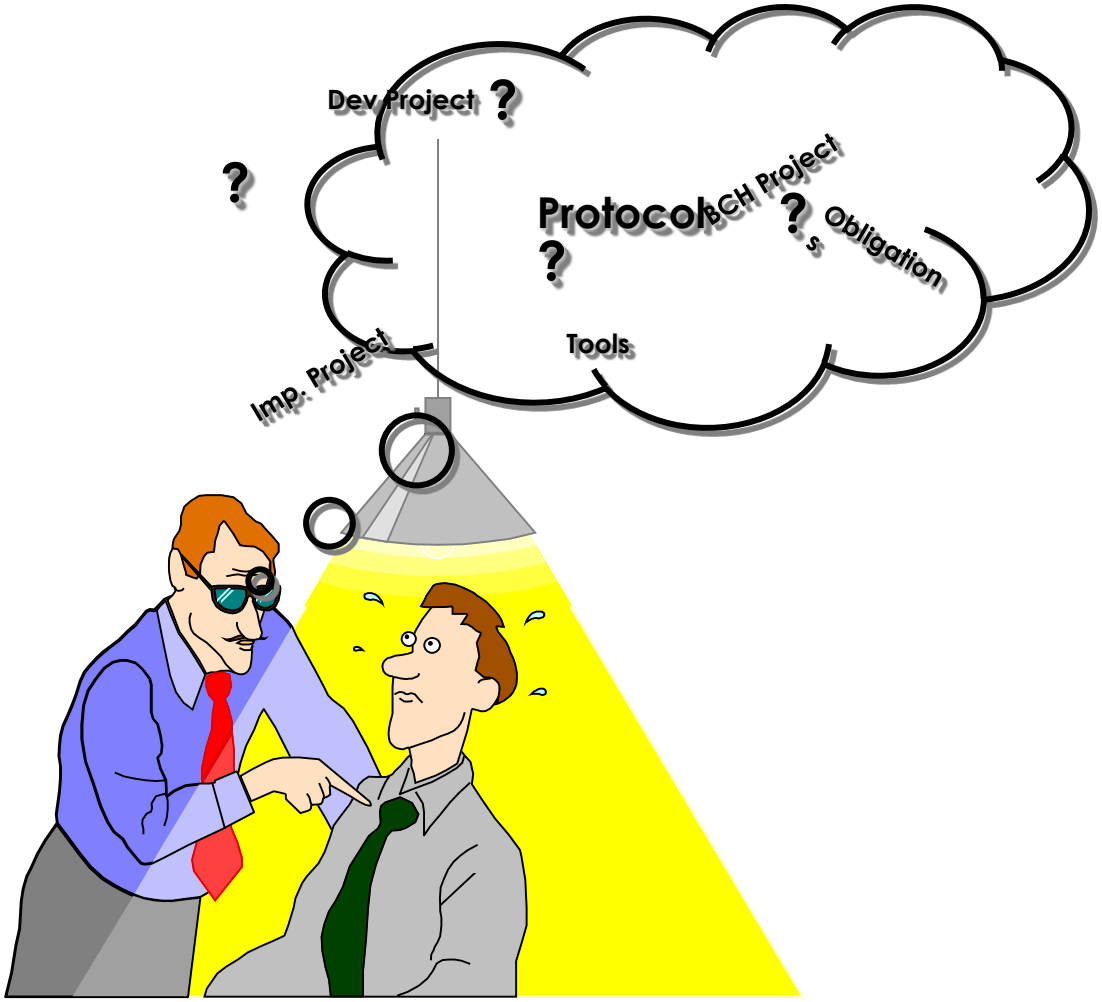
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