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AFRICA REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION CONCERNING THE SAFE TRANSFER, HANDLING AND USE OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Kampala, 5-9 November 2012

ANNOTATIONS TO THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. Article 23 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety requires Parties to promote and facilitate public awareness and education, including access to information, regarding the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) resulting from modern biotechnology. It also requires Parties to consult the public in the decision-making process regarding LMOs, to make public the final decision taken and to inform the public about the means of access to the Biosafety Clearing-House.
2. In its decision BS-V/13, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), recognizing the need for a cohesive and focused approach to the implementation of Article 23, adopted a programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms for the period 2011-2015. The programme of work includes a number of activities and expected outcomes under four programme elements: capacity-building, public awareness and education, public access to information, and public participation.
3. The Secretariat is organizing a series of regional workshops to enhance the capacity of Parties and other Governments to effectively implement the programme of work and to share experiences and lessons learned. The specific objectives of the workshop are:
 - (a) To introduce participants to key concepts, tools and legal instruments relevant to public awareness, education, access to information, and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms;
 - (b) To facilitate exchange of information, experiences, best practices and lessons learned in promoting public awareness and education, access to information and participation concerning living modified organisms; and

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(c) To discuss strategies for enhancing regional and subregional cooperation in the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation at the national and regional levels.

4. It is expected that at the end of the workshop participants will be better informed and equipped to undertake various tasks, including: development of outreach strategies and communication plans, development and communication of targeted messages, effective use of the media to promote awareness of biosafety, facilitation of public access to information, planning and conducting effective public consultations during decision-making processes regarding living modified organisms, promoting regional collaboration and networking on public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms.

5. The workshop will include a series of thematic lectures by practitioners, case-study presentations, interactive group discussions and special sessions involving hands-on practical exercises and role-plays. A field trip will be organised for participants to engage in field-based public consultation exercises relating to living modified organisms.

6. The workshop will be conducted in English and French.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

7. The workshop will be opened at 9 a.m. on Monday, 5 November 2012. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will give opening remarks, and a representative of the host Government will officially open the workshop. Participants will then be invited to introduce themselves.

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP

8. A representative of the Secretariat will present the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop and then give an overview of the workshop programme. Participants will be invited to express their expectations of the workshop and provide comments on the proposed programme, as appropriate.

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY AND THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION CONCERNING THE SAFE TRANSFER, HANDLING AND USE OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISM (LMOs)

9. Under this item, the Secretariat will show a short video on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and then introduce the key elements of the Protocol relating to public awareness, education and participation and give an overview of the current status of implementation of Article 23 of the Protocol based on the information provided by Parties in their second national reports. The Secretariat will also give an overview of the previous decisions of the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol related to Article 23, including the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms and the relevant operational objective of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol for the period 2011-2020. The presentations will be followed by a general discussion and a short quiz.

ITEM 4. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION

10. Under this item, participants will be introduced to key regional and international legal frameworks relating to public awareness, education, access to information and participation, including: principle 10 of the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and its implementation in Africa; the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and its Amendment on GMOs; and the draft Model Law for African Union Member States on Access to Information in Africa. Participants will then be invited to make short presentations on the public awareness, education and participation components of their national biosafety frameworks and share experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of those components.

11. After the presentations, participants will be divided into focus groups to discuss how the experiences and lessons learned from the initiatives for the implementation of principle 10 of the Rio Declaration and the Aarhus Convention could be applied and maximized in the implementation of Article 23 of the Biosafety Protocol and possible solutions for addressing existing gaps and challenges.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CONCERNING THE SAFE TRANSFER, HANDLING AND USE OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

12. Under this item, participants will be introduced to various concepts, tools and approaches to public awareness and education concerning living modified organisms. Among other things, participants will learn skills and share experiences regarding how to: develop outreach strategies or communication plans; design, package and communicate clear messages; plan and implement awareness programmes and events; design informative outreach materials and educational packages; and how to effectively engage and use the media to promote awareness of biosafety. Specifically, the participants will review the different means of communication and the factors to consider in choosing the means for informing or educating the public. Participants will also consider options for maintaining good working relationships with the media, writing effective press releases and features articles, running press conferences and handling media interviews.

13. Experienced practitioners will lead this session, sharing expert knowledge and providing practical options. The session will include interactive hands-on group exercises, role-plays and individual on-camera interview practice. It is expected that at the end of the session participants would have a better understanding of the issues and considerations that need to be taken into account in developing and implementing effective public awareness and educational programmes regarding living modified organisms. Through the practical exercises under this item, each participant will be expected to develop a draft biosafety outreach strategy or communication plan for his/her country taking into account the information and options provided during presentations. The drafts will be presented during the focus group discussions for comments and feedback and the final drafts will be presented to the plenary at end of the workshop.

ITEM 6. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SAFE TRANSFER, HANDLING AND USE OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

14. Under this item, participants will learn about various issues, procedures and methods regarding public access to information. Among other things the participants will review existing national regimes on access to information, including the scope of information covered by national laws on access to

information, procedures and mechanisms for public access to information (including issues regarding the format in which the information can be requested, fees for access, time limits, confidentiality and others), the main roles and functions of information commissioners and other oversight bodies, and enforcement mechanisms and procedures for appeals. The participants will also consider means of active dissemination of information to the public.

15. After the presentation, participants will be invited to take part in a panel discussion on experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of national laws and initiatives on public access to information, including the lessons learned within the context of implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Central and Eastern European countries. Participants will be invited to identify issues, challenges and strategies for promoting and facilitating public access to biosafety information at the national level and identify possible key elements of national action plans for public access to information. On the basis of the discussions, each participant will be invited to develop draft elements of a national framework and action plan for public access to information regarding living modified organisms for his/her country which will be presented to the plenary session.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONCERNING THE SAFE TRANSFER, HANDLING AND USE OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

16. Under this item, participants will learn key concepts, tools, methods and approaches relevant to public participation in decision-making processes regarding living modified organisms. Among other topics, the participants will review the importance of public participation in decision-making processes regarding living modified organisms, the levels and degrees of public participation, and the criteria to consider in selecting the most appropriate methods and procedures for engaging and involving the public. They will also learn skills and share information, experiences and good practices on how to plan and conduct public consultations during decision-making processes, including the key steps involved in developing a public participation plan, techniques for effective public participation and key points to consider to ensure an effective public participation process, including ensuring that the timing is appropriate, that the process is transparent and inclusive, that various stakeholder groups are at the table and their voices are heard, that the issues are properly framed; and that resources needed to make public participation effective are available.

17. Some case studies on experiences and lessons learned in involving the public in biosafety and environmental decision-making processes will also be presented and participants will be invited to ask questions or share their own experiences.

18. After the presentations, participants will engage in an individual exercise to develop draft elements of a national framework and action plan for public participation in decision-making processes regarding living modified organisms for their respective countries. The drafts will be presented for comments and feedback during the focus group discussions and the final drafts will be presented to the plenary at the end of the workshop.

ITEM 8. THE WAY FORWARD: FOSTERING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION CONCERNING THE SAFE TRANSFER, HANDLING AND USE OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

19. Under this item, the Secretariat will make a presentation on the synergies and ongoing collaboration between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Aarhus

Convention. Participants will also be invited to share information on their previous and ongoing cooperation among countries and relevant organizations.

20. After the presentations participants will be divided into focus groups to discuss concrete actions that could be taken to promote regional and subregional cooperation on the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms, including the possibility of setting up regional and subregional networks on public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms to facilitate the sharing of information and expertise, organising joint activities and developing shared awareness materials. They will also discuss potential opportunities and challenges as well as capacity-building needs for promoting regional and subregional cooperation on the implementation of the programme of work.

21. The participants will also be invited to carry out an exercise to put together the three frameworks and actions developed under the previous sessions and prioritize activities that could be taken in the next two to three years to implement the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms and present their consolidated national plan to the plenary session.

ITEM 9. WORKSHOP EVALUATION

22. Under this item, participants will be invited to present their final draft national biosafety outreach strategies/communication plans and finalise the subregional strategies for cooperation on the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms. At the end of the session, participants will be invited to review the coverage of the workshop against the earlier stated objectives and expected outcomes. Finally, participants will be requested to complete a workshop evaluation form.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

23. It is expected that the workshop will be closed by 4 p.m. in the afternoon of Friday, 9 November 2012.

Annex I

TENTATIVE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ACTIVITY	RESOURCE MATERIALS*
Monday, 5 November 2012		
9 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by a representative of the host institution • Opening statement by the representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity • Opening of the workshop by the Guest of Honour • Brief self-introductions by workshop participants 	
9.45 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Item 2. Introduction to the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop objectives, expected outcomes and the proposed programme, <i>by Mr. Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> • Participants' expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop agenda • Annotations to the workshop agenda
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Item 3. Introduction to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its Kuala – Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress • Overview of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its provisions and decisions on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity • Video on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety • Programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs • Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on

* Web links to some of the resource materials are provided in annex II below.

<i>DATE AND TIME</i>	<i>SESSION/ACTIVITY</i>	<i>RESOURCE MATERIALS*</i>
	<p>LMOs, <i>by Mr. Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020 and its elements on public awareness, education and participation <i>by Mr. Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat</i> • Questions and answers 	<p>Biosafety 2011-2020</p>
<p>12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	
	<p>Item 4. National, regional and international legal frameworks for public awareness, education and participation</p>	
<p>2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and its implementation in Africa, <i>by Mr. Godber Tumushabe, Executive Director, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)</i> • The Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and its Amendment on Genetically Modified Organisms, <i>by Ms. Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva, Head of the Legal Department, Environment-People-Law, Ukraine</i> • The Draft Model Law on Access to Information in Africa, <i>by Ms. Sylvia Nakabugu Biraahwa, Principal Information Officer, Directorate of Information and National Guidance, Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda</i> • Questions and answers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP Guidelines for the Development of National Legislation on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 2010 • Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and its GMO Amendment; • A Simplified Guide to the Aarhus Convention 2006; • Lucca guidelines on access to information, public participation and access to justice with respect to genetically modified organisms, 2003. • Draft Model Law on Access to Information in Africa, 2011 • Moving from Principles to Rights: Rio 2012 and Ensuring Access to Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice for Everyone

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3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Country presentations on the development and implementation of mechanisms for public awareness, education and participation within the national biosafety frameworks, <i>by participants</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 6 November 2012</i>		
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<p>Item 5. Public awareness and education concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to public awareness and education concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs: Basic concepts, tools and approaches, <i>by Mr. Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> • Designing and implementing effective public awareness and outreach programmes, <i>by Mr. Ivan Lukanda, Lecturer in the Department of Journalism and Communication, Makerere University</i> • Individual exercise to develop a draft national biosafety outreach strategy or communication plan, followed by focus group discussions to provide comments and feedback on the draft national biosafety outreach strategies/ communication plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA): A Toolkit for National Focal Points and NBSAP Coordinators • ABNE Communication Guide for Biosafety Regulators, 2010
10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging and using the media to promote public awareness of biosafety issues, <i>by Mr. Peter Wamboga-Mugirya, Senior Journalist and Editor of The Science Times Magazine</i> • Individual exercise to prepare a press release on a topic to be provided by the facilitators • Practicum: mock press conference and media interviews (in English and French) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Media: Getting your Voice Heard, a pamphlet prepared by the Canadian Red Cross – Youth TAP (Training in Action Program) • Getting prepared for a media interview: How to Maximize the Impact of Your Message, a pamphlet prepared by The Henry and Kaiser Family Foundation

<i>DATE AND TIME</i>	<i>SESSION/ACTIVITY</i>	<i>RESOURCE MATERIALS*</i>
12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion on practical experiences and lessons learned in promoting public awareness and education concerning LMOs • Questions and answers 	
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	National presentations on the development and implementation of mechanisms for public awareness, education and participation within the national biosafety frameworks, <i>by participants</i>	
Wednesday, 7 November 2012		
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<p>Item 6. Public access to information concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the basic concepts and core elements of national regimes on public access to information: Outcomes of the online forum on public access to biosafety information held the Biosafety Clearing-House in June 2012, <i>by Ms. Ulrika Nilsson, CBD Secretariat</i> • The status of public access to information laws in Africa and the experience with Uganda's Access to Information Act 2005 and Regulations 2011, <i>by Ms. Sylvia Nakabugu Biraahwa, Principal Information Officer, Directorate of Information and National Guidance, Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda</i> • Practical experiences and lessons learned in facilitating public access to information in Central and Eastern Europe within the context of the Aarhus Convention and its GMO amendment, <i>by Ms. Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva, Head of the Legal Department, Environment-People-Law, Ukraine</i> • Questions and answers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Directive 2003/4/EC on public access to environmental information, 2003 • Draft Model Law on Access to Information in Africa, 2011 • African Platform on Access to Information, 2011, a declaration adopted by the Pan African Conference on Access to Information held in Cape Town, South Africa, 17-19 September 2011 • Lucca guidelines on access to information, public participation and access to justice with respect to genetically modified organisms, 2003 • Success at Rio+20?: The case for regional conventions on environmental access rights, an information note prepared by the World Resources Institute, 2012

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10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11 a.m. – 12 noon.	Case-study presentations on experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of national laws and initiatives on public access to information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberia’s Freedom of Information Act of 2010 • Niger's Charter on Access to Public Information and Administrative Documents, 2011 • South Africa's Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000, • Uganda's Access to Information Act, 2005 and Access to Information Regulations, 2011
12 noon– 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual exercise to develop a draft national framework and action plan for public access to information regarding LMOs 	
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus group discussions on issues, challenges and strategies for promoting and facilitating public access to biosafety information • Comments and feedback on the a draft national framework and action plan for public access to information regarding LMOs 	
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<p>Item 7. Public participation concerning the safe transfer,, handling and use of living modified organisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public participation in biosafety and environmental decision-making: Key concepts, emerging good practices and lessons learned, <i>by Dr. Florence B. Kyazze, Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Extension, Makerere University</i> • Questions and answers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP-GEF toolkit module on public consultation and analysis, 2006, published by the UNEP-GEF Biosafety Project • Public Participation Guide: A Guide for Meaningful Public Participation in Environmental Assessments under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2008

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Thursday, 8 November 2012		
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<p>Case study presentations on practical experiences and lessons learned in involving the public in biosafety and environmental decision-making processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanisms for public participation in decision-making processes regarding LMOs in Africa: An analysis of approved national biosafety frameworks, <i>by Mr. Alex Owusu-Biney, UNEP-GEF Portfolio Manager for Biosafety</i> • Public participation in environmental decision-making in Central and Eastern Europe within the context of the Aarhus Convention and its GMO Amendment, <i>by Ms. Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva, Head of the Legal Department, Environment-People-Law, Ukraine</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of public participation and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Africa, 2003, by D. Glover, J. Keeley, P. Newell and R. McGee, IDS • Public Participation and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: A practical guide, prepared for DFID and GEF, 2003 • Public Participation in African Biosafety Regulations and Policies, 2010, prepared for the African Union Commission
10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11 a.m. – 12 noon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual exercise to develop elements of a draft national framework and action plan for public participation in decision-making processes regarding LMOs 	
12 noon. – 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus group discussions to provide comments and feedback on the draft national frameworks and action plans for public participation in decision-making processes regarding LMOs 	
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	

<i>DATE AND TIME</i>	<i>SESSION/ACTIVITY</i>	<i>RESOURCE MATERIALS*</i>
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Field trip	
Friday, 9 November 2012		
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<p>Item 8. The way forward: fostering regional and international cooperation on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synergies and ongoing collaboration between the CBD Secretariat and the Aarhus Convention on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs, <i>by Ms. Ulrika Nilsson, CBD Secretariat</i> • Group discussions to develop sub-regional action plans to promote cooperation on the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs 	Report of the Joint Aarhus Convention/Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety workshop on public awareness, access to information and public participation regarding living/genetically modified organisms, held in Nagoya, Japan, 8-9 October 2010
10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11 a.m. – 11.45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual exercise to put together a consolidated 3-year national plan to implement the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs 	
11.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary presentations of the proposed national plans to implement the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs 	
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	

<i>DATE AND TIME</i>	<i>SESSION/ACTIVITY</i>	<i>RESOURCE MATERIALS*</i>
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Item 9. Workshop evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflections on the topics covered during the workshop and the take-home messages, <i>by Mr. Erie Tamale and Mr. Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat</i>• Evaluation of the workshop	
3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Item 10. Closure of the workshop	

Annex II

WEB LINKS TO RELEVANT RESOURCES

General

- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity – http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_publications.shtml
Protocole de Cartagena sur la prévention des risques biotechnologiques de la Convention sur la diversité biologique – http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_publications.shtml
- Video on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: ftp://ftp.cbd.int/BCH/Video/CPB_video_EN.mp4
Une vidéo sur le Protocole de Cartagena: ftp://ftp.cbd.int/BCH/Video/CPB_video_FR.mp4
- Programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, 2011-2015 - http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_art23_pow.shtml
Programme de travail sur la sensibilisation, l'éducation et la participation du public concernant le transfert, la manipulation et l'utilisation sans danger d'organismes vivants modifiés (2011-2015) – <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/mop-05/official/mop-05-17-fr.pdf> (page 79-89)
- Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020 – http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/issues/cpb_stplan_txt.shtml
Plan stratégique du Protocole de Cartagena pour la période 2011-2020 – <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/mop-05/official/mop-05-17-fr.pdf> (page 136-155)
- Report of the Joint Aarhus Convention/Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety workshop on public awareness, access to information and public participation regarding living/genetically modified organisms, held in Nagoya, Japan, 8-9 October 2010: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/meetings/documents.shtml?eventid=3401>
- Lucca Guidelines on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice with Respect to Genetically Modified Organisms Implementation, Annex to decision II/1 on genetically modified organisms, 2003 – <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/documents/gmoguidelinesenglish.pdf>
Principes directeurs relatifs à l'accès à l'information, la participation du public et l'accès à la justice en ce qui concerne les organismes génétiquement modifiés, 2003 – <http://www.unece.org.unecedev.coloc.iway.ch/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/documents/gmoguidelinesfrench.pdf>
- Report of the Sub-Regional Workshop for Anglophone Africa on: Risk Assessment and Management and Public Awareness and Participation (November 12 -15, 2002, Windhoek, Namibia: <https://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=41513>
Rapport sur l'Atelier sous-régional pour l'Afrique francophone sur: L'évaluation et la gestion des risques et La sensibilisation et la participation du public, 22-25 avril 2003, Dakar, Sénégal: <https://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=41518>

- Proceedings of the SADC Regional Workshop on “Public Awareness, Education and Participation in Biosafety and the Environment”, 21 – 26 May 2006, Gaborone, Botswana: <https://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=102576>
- UNEP Guidelines for the Development of National Legislation on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 2010: http://www.unep.org/civil-society/Portals/59/Documents/Resources/GUIDELINES_TO_ACCESS_TO_ENV_INFO_2.pdf
- A simplified guide to the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters - http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2006/pp/ece%20mp%20pp%205_E.pdf
Un guide simplifié de la Convention d’Aarhus sur l’accès à l’information, la participation du public au processus décisionnel et l’accès à la justice en matière d’environnement – http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2006/pp/ece%20mp%20pp%205_F.pdf
- Moving from Principles to Rights: Rio 2012 and Ensuring Access to Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice for Everyone - <http://www.accessinitiative.org/resource/moving-principles-rights>
- Success at Rio+20?: The case for regional conventions on environmental access rights, an information note prepared by the World Resources Institute, 2012 - <http://www.wri.org/project/earth-summit-rio-2012>

Public Awareness and Education

- Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA): A Toolkit for National Focal Points and NBSAP Coordinators - <http://www.cbd.int/cepa/toolkit/2008/doc/CBD-Toolkit-Complete.pdf>
Communication, éducation et sensibilisation du public (CESP): Guide pratique destiné aux points focaux et aux coordonnateurs des stratégies et plans d’action nationaux pour la diversité biologique (SPANB) - <http://www.cbd.int/cepa/toolkit/cepa-toolkit-fr.pdf>
- ABNE Communication Guide for Biosafety Regulators, 2010 - <http://www.nepadbiosafety.net/for-regulators/resources/guidelines>
- Getting In Step: A Guide for Conducting Watershed Outreach Campaigns, 2010, prepared by Tetra Tech, Inc. for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (it provides tips and tools for creating awareness, educating specific audiences, and motivating positive behavior change) – <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/outreach/documents/getnstep.pdf>
- Participatory Communication Strategy Design: A Handbook, 2004, prepared by the SADC Centre of Communication for Development in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/008/y5794e/y5794e00.pdf>

Public Access to Information

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