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### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROTOCOL AND ON BUDGETARY MATTERS

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

#### INTRODUCTION

##### *Background*

1. At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (COP-MOP-5) adopted a programme budget for the distinct costs of the Secretariat services and the biosafety work programme of the Cartagena Protocol for the biennium 2011-2012. The Executive Secretary was requested in paragraph 25 of decision BS-V/7 to report to the Meeting of the Parties at its sixth meeting on income and budget performance, and to propose any adjustments that might be needed to the programme budget for the biennium 2011-2012.
2. The present document has been prepared by the Executive Secretary and highlights the financial and administrative performance of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety since the last meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The present document is to be read in conjunction with the report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention for the biennium 2011-2012 (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/9) and the associated information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/36).
3. As of 31 July 2012, 163 Parties had acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website of the Secretariat. It is updated each time the Secretariat is notified by the Depositary of a new instrument of ratification/accession that has been deposited with it.

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4. The document is divided into five sections, as follows:

(a) Sections I and II report on income and budget performance in 2010 and 2011 respectively for the three trust funds of the Protocol namely the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**); the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**); and the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Biosafety Protocol process (**BI Trust Fund**). Section III reports on commitments made for the year 2012 to the BG Trust Fund;

(b) Section IV deals with personnel and administrative matters. It reports on the progress made in classifying, advertising and filling the posts approved under the Protocol;

(c) Section V reports on the indicators of achievement over the biennium 2011-2012.

5. The following tables can be found in document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/36:

(a) Status of contributions to the BG, BH and BI Trust Funds as at 31 December 2011 (annexes V-VII);

(b) Scales of contributions for 2011-2012 as at 31 July 2012 (annex VIII).

## I. INCOME AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE IN 2010

### A. *General Trust Fund for the Biosafety Protocol (Core budget or BG Trust Fund)*

#### 1. *Income and budget performance in 2010*

##### (i) *Budget for 2010*

6. By its decision BS-IV/7, the Conference of the Parties approved a core programme budget of \$2,880,900 for the year 2010 for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Of this amount, \$2,432,300 was to be payable by Parties in line with the scale set out in the annex of decision BS-IV/7, \$178,600 was to be funded from the host country contribution and \$270,000 was withdrawn from the surpluses from previous years.

Source of funding	2010
Parties to Biosafety Protocol	\$ 2,432,300
Host country	\$ 178,600
Previous years surplus	\$ 270,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,880,900</b>

7. Taking into account the new Parties to the Protocol over the period 2009-2010, the actual pledges to the Protocol in 2010 amounted to \$2,567,696 as a result of the credits applied to Parties from prior years. Adjustments were made in 2010 to reflect the revised contributions and were credited to Parties accordingly at the end of the biennium in keeping with the financial rules.

##### (ii). *Contributions for 2010*

8. As at 31 December 2010, contributions received for 2010 to the BG Trust Fund amounted to \$2,657,626 as follows:

Advance payments for 2010 received in 2009	\$ 611,974
Contributions for 2010 received in 2010	\$1,867,052
Host country contribution	\$ 178,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,657,626</b>

9. The assessed contributions paid with respect to 2010 as at 31 December 2010 therefore amounted to 95 per cent of the total core budget approved (before deduction of the prior year's surplus) for the year by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fourth meeting.

10. This amount represents contributions paid in full or in part by 85 Parties (or 49 per cent) of the total number of Parties to the Protocol. It should be noted that as at 31 December 2010, late payments received during 2010 for 2009 and prior years amounted to US\$86,601.

(iii) *Expenditures in 2010*

11. Expenditures in 2010 (including programme support costs) as at 31 December 2010, totalled \$3,005,551. This amount is equivalent to approximately 104 per cent of the total amount approved for the BG Trust Fund activities in 2010 as per decision BS-IV/7. The approved budget was slightly overspent by 4% in 2010, mainly due to the COP-MOP 4 expenditure and, to a lesser extent, to the staff costs. This was however compensated in the 2009-2010 biennium by the under-expenditure by 13% of the 2009 budget as reported at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

12. The over-expenditure in these budget lines were partially compensated by the savings generated by a number of under-utilised budget lines, *inter alia*:

- The budget provision for the COP MOP Bureau was underutilized in 2010 as it is generally convened in the margins of the COP Bureau.
- The Biosafety Clearing-House advisory meeting was not held in 2010, thus generating savings of \$40,000.
- The budget provided for the Liaison Group meeting was not fully utilised as the meeting was held in Siem Reap, back-to-back with the sixth Coordination meeting for Governments and Organizations implementing Biosafety Capacity-Building.

13. The Secretariat has also kept the budget provisions for temporary assistance and consultancy to a minimum level in order to maintain the budget implementation within the approved limit.

14. The 2010 expenditure of \$3,005,551 amounts to 113 per cent of the total contributions received for 2010 (\$2,657,651) as at 31 December 2010. The breakdown of expenditures recorded by object of expenditure for 2010 is shown in table 1 below.

**Table 1. BG Trust Fund expenditures in 2010 by object of expenditure (US\$ thousands)**

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget</i>	<i>Commitments/ Expenditures</i>	<i>% Budget approved by COP/MOP</i>
Staff costs	1,587.3	1,737.9	109
Biosafety Bureau meetings	60	36.4	60
Travel on official business	60	39.2	65
Consultants/sub-contracts	25	11.7	50
Biosafety Clearing-House advisory meetings	40	0.0	0

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget</i>	<i>Commitments/ Expenditures</i>	<i>% Budget approved by COP/MOP</i>
Liaison Group meetings	35	21.3	60
Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	400	513.5	128
Compliance Committee Meeting	47.5	44.2	93
Training/Fellowship		0.0	0
Translation of Biosafety Clearing-House website	20	16.0	80
Temporary assistance/overtime	20	1.1	05
General Operating expenses	254.6	239.6	94
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC)</i>	331.4	344.54	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,880.8</b>	<b>3,005.5</b>	<b>104</b>

## II. INCOME AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE IN 2011

### A. General Trust Fund for the Biosafety Protocol (Core budget or BG Trust Fund)

#### 1. Income and budget performance in 2011

##### (i) Budget for 2011

15. In decision BS-V/7, the Conference of the Parties approved a core programme budget of \$2,597,800 for the year 2011 for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Of this amount, \$1,965,600 was to be payable by Parties in line with the scale set out in the annex of decision BS-V/7, \$182,200 was to be funded from the host country contribution and \$450,000 withdrawn from the surplus generated in previous years.

Source of funding	2011
Parties to Biosafety Protocol	\$ 1,965,600
Host country	\$ 182,200
Surplus from previous years	\$ 450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,597,800</b>

16. Taking into account the new Parties to the Protocol over the period 2010-2011, the actual pledges to the Protocol in 2011 amounted to \$2,131,950 as a result of the credits applied to Parties from prior years. Adjustments were made in 2011 to reflect the revised contributions and were credited to Parties accordingly in keeping with the financial rules.

##### (ii). Contributions for 2011

17. As at 31 December 2011, contributions received for 2011 to the BG Trust Fund amounted to \$1,895,642 as follows:

Advance payments for 2011 received in 2010	\$ 473,810
Contributions for 2011 received in 2011	\$1,258,207
Host country contribution	\$ 163,625*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,895,642</b>

\* *Balance of \$18,575 credited in 2012*

18. Therefore, the assessed contributions paid with respect to 2011 as at 31 December 2011 amounted to 88 per cent of the total core budget approved (before deduction of the prior year's surplus) for the year by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fifth meeting. This amount represents contributions paid in full or in part by 100 Parties (or 63 per cent of the total number of 160 Parties to the Protocol as at 31 December 2011). Late payments totalling \$44,302 were received in 2011 for prior years contributions.

19. The issue of late and non-payment of assessed contributions has been raised by UNEP as a result of the decision of the United Nations to convert their accounting standard to the International Public Service Accounting Standard (IPSAS), which the United Nations will do in 2014. There are currently ten Parties (4 SIDS and 6 LDCs) that have never paid their assessed contributions to the Convention since becoming a Party. Under the IPSAS system of accounting, there is a limit to how long uncollected debts will be accepted as still valid.

(iii) *Expenditures in 2011*

20. Expenditures in 2011 (including programme support costs), as at 31 December 2011, totalled \$2,571,979. This amount is equivalent to approximately 99 per cent of the total amount approved for the BG Trust Fund activities in 2011 as per decision BS-V/7.

21. The Secretariat has generated savings in a number of budget lines in 2011 in order to cover the over-expenditure of the staff costs and the general operating expenses. The COP-MOP Bureau was convened in conjunction with the COP Bureau in October 2011, thus leaving un-spent the annual budget provision of \$50,000 and savings from the previous year were also credited. The budget provision for the Liaison Group meeting was underspent as the meeting was held back to back with the Seventh Coordination meeting for Governments and organizations implementing Biosafety Capacity-Building in Chisinau, Moldova. Also, funds allocated for the "study on handling, transport and identification the need for and modalities of developing standards" were not used as the study is planned to be carried out in 2012. A credit from the previous COP-MOP is also reflected in 2011.

22. The 2011 expenditure of \$2,571,979 amounts to 107 per cent of the total contributions received for 2011 (\$2,395,575) for the year as at 31 December 2011.

23. The breakdown of expenditures recorded by object of expenditure for 2011 is shown in table 2 below.

**Table 2. BG Trust Fund expenditures in 2011 by object of expenditure (US\$ thousands)**

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget</i>	<i>Commitments/ Expenditure</i>	<i>% Budget approved by COP/MOP</i>
Staff costs	1,698.8	1,785.6	105
Biosafety Bureau meetings	50.0	-1.0	0
Travel on official business	55.0	49.4	90
Consultants/sub-contracts	20.0	23.5	117

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget</i>	<i>Commitments/ Expenditure</i>	<i>% Budget approved by COP/MOP</i>
Biosafety Clearing-House advisory meetings	40.0	48.4	120
Compliance Committee Meeting	40.0	42.8	107
COP-MOP 5	0.0	-5.7	0
Translation of Biosafety Clearing-House Website	20.0	0	0
Temporary assistance/Overtime	15.0	1.9	13
Liaison Group meetings	30.0	24.1	80
Independent evaluation of capacity building initiative	20.0	18.3	91
Study on Assessment and Review	20.0	20	100
Study on Handling, transport, packaging and identification – the need for and modalities of developing standards	20.0	0	0
General Operating expenses	259.7	273.6	105
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC)</i>	297.5	291	90
<b><i>Sub-total</i></b>	<b>2,288.6</b>	<b>2,571.9</b>	<b>112</b>
<i>Working Capital Reserve (5%)</i>	11.7		
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>2,597.8</b>	<b>2,571.9</b>	<b>99</b>

### III PROJECTED INCOME AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE IN 2012

#### A. General Trust Fund for the Biosafety Protocol (Core budget or BG Trust Fund)

##### (i) Budget for 2012

24. In its decision BS-V/7, the Conference of the Parties approved a core programme budget of \$3,102,600 for the year 2012 for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Of this amount, \$2,516,700 was to be payable by Parties in line with the scale set out in the annex of decision BS-V/7, \$ 400,000 was withdrawn from surplus generated in prior years and \$185,800 was to be funded from the host country contribution as follows:

Source of funding	2012
Parties to Protocol	\$2,516,700
Host country	\$185,800
Surplus from prior years	\$ 400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,102,600</b>

(ii) *Contributions for 2012*

25. As at 31 July 2012, contributions received for 2012 to the BG Trust Fund amounted to \$1,902,924 as follows:

Advance payments for 2012 received in 2011	\$ 572,765
Contributions for 2012 received in 2012	\$1,144,342
Contribution from the Host Government	\$ 185,817
	<b>\$1,902,924</b>

In addition, \$135,437 was received in 2012 for 2011 and prior years contributions.

(iii) *Commitments in 2012*

26. A total amount of \$3,102,600 has been obligated as commitments for the year 2012. This amount represents 100 per cent of the funds approved by the Conference of the Parties for the year 2012 (see table 3 below). Expenditures totalling \$1,532,642 were incurred in 2012 (as at 31 July).

**Table 3. BG Trust Fund commitments in 2012 by object of expenditure**

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Approved budget</i>	<i>Commitments/Expenditure</i>	<i>Percentage of approved budget</i>
Staff costs (including temporary assistance/overtime and training)	1,766,000	965,034	55
Consultants/sub-contracts	40,000	12,000	30
Travel on official business	50,000	31,955	64
Conference-servicing costs/meetings	630,000	186,986	29
General operating expenses	259,700	160,390	62
<b>Programme support costs</b>	<b>356,900</b>	<b>176,277</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,102,600</b>	<b>1,532,642</b>	<b>49</b>

**B. Special Voluntary Trust Fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH Trust Fund)**

27. A total of \$2,943,085 was approved under the BH Trust Fund by the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for 2011/2012. As at 31 July 2012, the Secretariat had received pledges for

additional approved activities totalling \$970,253 for 2011/2012. Collections of \$901,316 were recorded in 2011/2012 as contributions for pledges made for this period and representing a collection rate of 93%.

28. A total of \$674,166 was spent or committed in 2011 and 2012 (as at 31 July) for additional approved activities, including:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Expenditure (US\$)</i>	<i>Number of funded participants</i>
SCBD staff servicing meetings	155,203	N/A
Training on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms	82,511	28
Regional workshop on capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Biosafety Protocol	46,165	16
Workshop on capacity-building for research and information exchange on socio-economic impact of LMO	52,490	18
Training of trainers on the Identification and Documentation of LMO	61,965	24
Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	84,133	22
Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on the Second Assessment and Review of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	33,149	11

### ***C. Special Voluntary Trust Fund for facilitating participation of Parties in the Biosafety Protocol Process (BI Trust Fund)***

29. A total of \$678,000 was approved under the BI Trust Fund by the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for 2012. As at 31 July 2012, the Secretariat had received pledges totalling \$12,422 in 2012 (1.8% of the amount approved for 2012), for which the total contributions had been paid. The recurring scarcity of contribution in the BI Trust Funds remains very challenging in facilitating the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition delegates to COP-MOP 6.

30. This issue has become acute as the Secretariat has only been able to financially support one delegate from developing countries and economies in transition to the COP and COP-MOP meetings which often means that for the COP-MOP (where Parties can only afford to send one representative), the financially supported delegate has not been the individual whose expertise is Biosafety, or indeed the person who has represented their country at the biosafety meetings over the previous biennium. As such we urge Parties to contribute sufficient funds to allow for the full and optimal participation of all Parties in the COP-MOP.

31. No expenditure had been incurred as yet as at 31 July 2012 under the BI Trust Funds to facilitate the participation to the COP-MOP 6.

#### *Staff costs*

32. Staff costs include salaries and other staff benefits. Given that these costs are based on standard costs used by the United Nations, actual expenditures vary from one duty station to the other depending on fluctuations in post adjustment and other factors such as the number of dependents, education grant, and repatriation costs.



*Travel on official business*

33. The Secretariat staff represents the Protocol at various meetings and events, and travel of staff members to events hosted by other organizations is one of the important ways of achieving synergies and integrated work programmes. The travel on official business also includes the travel costs to service the meetings convened by the Secretariat under the Protocol. The Secretariat has arranged some 23 staff travels during the first 18 months of the biennium with a total cost of USD 89,898, which represent 86 % of the approved budget.

*General operating expenses*

34. General operating expenses include funding for office equipment and supplies, utilities and insurance costs, printing costs, communication costs and the distribution of printed and other materials. These expenses are shared costs with the Convention on the basis of a 85:15 ratio.

#### IV. PERSONNEL

*Established posts*

35. At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol approved thirteen (13) posts under the core budget (BG Trust Fund) for the biennium 2011-2012 in its decision BS-V/7 (eight Professional posts and five General Service posts). As at 31 July 2012, all the approved Professional (8) and General Service posts (5) funded from the core budget (BG Trust Fund) were filled.

36. Information on the status of staffing in the Secretariat is reported on a quarterly basis through the Quarterly Report that is posted on the Secretariat's website, and a detailed breakdown of the status can be found in section II of the current document.

**Table 4. Status of staffing under the core budget (BG Trust Fund) (as at 31 July 2012)**

<i>Status of posts</i>	<i>Professional posts</i>	<i>General Service posts</i>
Total number of posts approved by the Conference of the Parties	8	5
Regularized	8	5

*Shared posts*

37. During the current biennium, 7 posts (1 P5, 1 P4, 3 P3 and 2 GS posts) were shared with the Convention on the basis of a 85:15 ratio.

*Internship programme*

38. The Secretariat's internship programme is an ongoing programme that gives students an opportunity to spend a minimum of three and a maximum of sixth months at the Secretariat, in order to gain knowledge and research experience on issues relevant to their studies as well as to the work of the Protocol. It is a no-fee programme sponsored by the intern or a sponsoring organization. It provides the students with important practical experience, which complements their studies and also benefits the Secretariat as an outreach programme in that these students take the knowledge and experience they have gained back to their institutions and countries. The programme has also been very beneficial to the Secretariat, as it serves as a readily available human resource pool for the Secretariat. During the first 18 months of the biennium 2011-2012, the Biosafety Unit accommodated students from Canada and Japan.

## V. INDICATORS OF ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE PROGRAMME BUDGET

### A. *Budget Management*

#### 1. Budget allocated versus expenditures for the BG Trust Fund.

Budget allocated for 2011-2012 = US\$5,700,400

Budget expenditures for the BG Trust Fund for 2011-2012 (projected) = US\$5,674,500

#### 2. Budget allocated versus expenditures for the BH Trust Fund.

Budget allocated for 2011-2012 = US\$2,943,085

Budget expenditures for the BH Trust Fund for 2011-2012 (July 2012) = US\$674,766

### B. *Resource mobilization for the BH and BI Trust Funds\**

#### 1. Funds mobilized under the BH Trust Fund for Secretariat led activities

Funds pledged for the BH Trust Fund for 2011-2012 (July 2012) = \$920,253

Funds received for the BH Trust Fund for 2011-2012 (July 2012) = \$901,317

#### 2. Funds mobilized under the BH Trust Fund for capacity-building through regional workshops

Funds pledged for capacity-building under the BH Trust Fund for 2011-2012 (July 2012) = \$799,756

#### 3. Funds mobilized under the BI Trust Fund

Funds pledged for the BI Trust Fund for 2011-2012 (July 2012) = \$12,422

Funds received for the BI Trust Fund for 2011-2012 (July 2012) = \$12,422

### C. *Capacity-building and outreach*

#### 1. Training activities and workshops for which the Secretariat provides resources

a. Number of participants 516

b. Number of Parties involved 314

c. Level of participant satisfaction: See Annex XI of document

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#### 2. Number of publications distributed

There were a total of 1,284 copies of six publications distributed in the 2011-2012 biennium as follows; 613 English, 83 French, 561 Spanish, 6 Arabic, 16 Russian and 5 Chinese.

#### 3. Number of website hits

There were a total of 1,141,039 page views on the site [www.bch.cbd.int](http://www.bch.cbd.int) over the period 1 January 2011 - 31 August 2012.

#### 4. Number of meetings attended by the Secretariat

The Secretariat staff attended 57 meetings over the period 1 January 2011 - 31 August 2012.

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\* See Document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/10/INF/36

D. *Other functions of the Secretariat*

1. Percentage of working documents made available to Parties in all working languages within deadlines:

MOP-6            60%.

2. Percentage of plenary sessions of the Conference of the Parties for which interpretation services were provided.

100%

**List of meetings organized by the Secretariat for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**  
**2011-July 2012**

**2011**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
15 - 16 December 2011	Latin American and Caribbean Regional Workshop on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Lima, Peru
12 - 16 December 2011	Anglophone Africa Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms	Accra, Ghana
28 - 30 November 2011	Pacific Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building for the Effective Implementation of the Biosafety Protocol	Nadi, Fiji
21 - 25 November 2011	Asia Sub-regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms	New Delhi, India
17 - 18 November 2011	Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	New Delhi, India
14 - 16 November 2011	Workshop on Capacity-building for research and information exchange on socio-economic impacts of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	New Delhi, India
7 - 11 November 2011	Latin American Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms	Havana, Cuba
5 - 7 October 2011	Eighth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
26 - 30 September 2011	Caribbean Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms	Belize City, Belize
21 - 22 July 2011	African Regional Workshop on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
7 July 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Asia-Pacific (English)	Online
5 July 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Africa (French)	Online
23 June 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish)	Online
21 June 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms:	Online

	Western Europe and Others Group and Central and Eastern Europe (English)	
16 June 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Africa (English)	Online
16 - 17 June 2011	Central and Eastern European Regional Workshop on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Ljubljana, Slovenia
30 May - 3 June 2011	Third meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Mexico City, Mexico
11 - 15 April 2011	Central and Eastern European Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Ljubljana, Slovenia
7 - 8 April 2011	Eighth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
4 - 6 April 2011	Seventh Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
30 March - 1 April 2011	Sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC)	Montreal, Canada
21 March - 8 May 2011	Online discussion groups on socio-economic considerations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Online
21 - 25 February 2011	Briefing Sessions and Side Event about the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress during the UNEP Governing Council meeting	Nairobi, Kenya

## **2012**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
4 - 18 June 2012	Online Forum on Public Awareness, Education and Participation Concerning the Safe Transfer, Handling and Use of Living Modified Organisms	Online
4 - 8 June 2012	Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management	Montreal, Canada
30 May - 1 June 2012	Ninth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
14 - 16 May 2012	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on the Second Assessment and Review of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Vienna, Austria
9 - 11 May 2012	Inter-Regional Workshop on Capacity Needs for the Implementation of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress	Riga, Latvia
19 April 2012	Third Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol	Online

	on Biosafety: Asia and the Pacific	
17 April 2012	Third Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Africa	Online
12 April 2012	Third Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: WEOG and CEE	Online
11 April 2012	Third Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Latin America and the Caribbean	Online
28 - 30 March 2012	Seventh meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
15 - 16 March 2012	Ninth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Prague, Czech Republic
12 - 14 March 2012	Eighth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	Prague, Czech Republic
13 - 15 February 2012	Meeting of the Sub-working Groups of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management	Bonn, Germany

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