



COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Course Title: Introduction to GMO Biosafety Risk Assessment

Date: 5 November – 10 November 2007

Participants: National Environmental Management Authority, Kenya (NEMA) Field Inspectors

Venue: Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Background

The Cartagena Protocol on Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) requires transparent, scientific, case-by-case biosafety (risk) assessment with special consideration for the receiving environment.

The BiosafeTrain Project aims to build capacity in Eastern Africa providing the countries with the ability to make autonomous decisions regarding the use of biotechnology. These African countries need the capacity to do ALL elements of researching, generating and testing of LMOs.

BiosafeTrain contributes to the responsible use of LMOs through capacity building in biosafety. It maximises on local involvement, such that all activities are based in Eastern Africa; students are enrolled at local universities with co-supervision from Denmark and the projects are selected locally. In addition to research based training, BiosafeTrain offers short courses such as this that are open to participants from a broad background in biological and social sciences.

About the course

The course is designed to provide participants with information about the relevant aspects, from legal to ethical, of biosafety and ecological risk assessment of LMOs. Through lectures, demonstrations, group work on case studies, and discussions, the course covers biosafety in a holistic framework. The course will aid NEMA personnel to understand the complex issues related to the management of LMOs.

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