



Course Announcement

Data Analysis for Biosafety Risk Assessment

Date: 2 July – 6 July 2007
Venue: Center for Continuing Education -University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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 basic skills on how to treat scientific data to draw balanced conclusions in 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. Participants will be required to share their experiences of biosafety risk assessment with other participants.

Eligibility and selection process

Provide a brief curriculum vitae and a brief note indicating interest/ need for the course and background in biosafety related research or training. A recommendation letter from one referee should accompany the application.

Working language: English.

Application deadline: Applications for non-sponsored places should be submitted by **21st June 2007**. Participants must be prepared to pay course fee when registering.

Costs and expenses

Full sponsorship is given only to BiosafeTrain students.

The course has 15 places available to participants from all countries that are able to secure their own sponsorship/funding. The course fee of \$100 includes curricular materials, lunch (5 days), opening/farewell ceremony, local transport and social activities. Non-sponsored participants will also have to pay for their travel and accommodation.

How to apply:

For a placement in the course apply in writing to:

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