



## Training on GMO Risk Assessment



**A** major training workshop- *Introduction to GMO Biosafety Risk Assessment*- was hosted and conducted at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, from 19 to 23 October. The workshop was the result of collaboration between BiosafeTrain and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology

(ICGEB).

The training focused on biosafety in legal and regulatory contexts in Africa; authorisation process; risk analysis and problem formulation; assessment and management of identified risks to humans and the environment; agricultural biotechnological techniques; experimental design; and management of quarantine facilities.

Eastern African countries are cur-

rently involved in R&D of GMOs and the training introduces key biosafety issues in GMO risk assessment so that they will acquire basic skills in the use of scientific data to draw balanced science-based conclusions regarding the experimental release of GMOs. The course is aimed at biosafety regulatory officials and scientists working in national research institutions.