



Decisions COP-MOP 8

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Overview

The decisions of the 8th meeting of the Parties to the CP showed that:

- Much progress has been made towards the implementation of biosafety measures at a national and global levels
- Much remains yet to be done, and reaffirmed the importance of continuing to dedicate the necessary resources to support the full implementation of the CP.





Why is it important to be aware of the Decisions?

- To understand what the next steps are in relation to Parties' obligations and the role of the Secretariat.
- To actively participate of the discussions, forums and requests of information that may be open.
- To keep your country and NCA informed.





Highlights from the meeting

BCH

- Urges Parties that have not yet completely done so to make all required information available to the Biosafety Clearing-House.
- Requests the Executive Secretary to carry out the full migration of the Biosafety Clearing-House to its new platform.
- To create additional tools for facilitating statistical analysis of information contained in the Biosafety Clearing-House with a view to enabling Parties to analyse and better use the information.
- To develop joint modalities of operation between the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House for consideration by the next COP-MOP.





Capacity building:

-Decides to maintain the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol as adopted in decision BS-VI/3.

-Urges Parties, for the remaining period until 2020, to prioritize and focus on the **development of national biosafety legislation, risk assessment, detection and identification of living modified organisms, and public awareness, education and participation** in view of their importance in facilitating the implementation of the Protocol.

-Urges Parties and other Governments to integrate biosafety in their national biodiversity strategies and actions plans and broader national development strategies in order to implement the 2030 Agenda for SDGs.

-Requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to facilitate and support implementation of the priority capacity-building





Risk Assessment and Risk Management:

-Invites interested Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to take the RA Guidance into account as a voluntary tool to assist in conducting risk assessment.

-Invites interested Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations that have used the Guidance and/or other guidance documents to share an assessment of their applicability and usefulness through the BCH.

-Invites Parties to submit to the ES: (a) information on their needs and priorities for further guidance on specific topics of RA of LMOs, (b) proposals on criteria that may facilitate the selection of topics for the development of further guidance, and (c) views on perceived gaps in existing guidance materials.

-Decides to extend the Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management.

-Requests the ES, subject to the availability of resources, to support, upon invitation by a Party, regional and subregional capacity building activities on RA of LMOs





Monitoring and reporting:

- Requests the Executive Secretary to
- (a) develop a revised format for the fourth national reports with a view to ensuring that complete and accurate information is captured
- (b) Improving the formulation of questions for their clarity,
- (c) Eliminating the redundancy observed in the questions used for the third national report;
- (d) Adding questions that address mainstreaming of biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans, other policies and legislation





Public awareness, education and participation:

-Extends the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation at all levels concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms until 2020.

-Urges Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to implement the programme of work and actively share their experiences and lessons learned through the BCH.

-Requests the ES, subject to the availability of funds:

(a) To assist in the implementation of the priority areas and activities of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation

(b) To provide links to national websites and national biosafety clearing-houses on the website of the Protocol and the Convention;

(c) To continue and enhance cooperation with relevant organizations, as well as gender initiatives to further facilitate the implementation of the programme of work;





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