

Status of Biotechnology and Biosafety

Mozambique

GMASSURE launch and awareness raising workshop

2-3 July 2014

1. INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

2001 – The Mozambican Parliament ratified the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Resolution No. 11/2001, of 20 December).

2014 – The *Nagoya Protocol - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Compensation and Liability on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety* was deposited in the Parliament to be ratified.

2. NATIONAL LEVEL

2005 - The government created the Inter - Institutional Group on Biosafety to coordinate the process of developing the National Biosafety Framework in Mozambique. This process culminated in the draft of the Proposal of the National Biosafety Framework (NBF) published in 2005. A Proposal of NBF was further refined through public consultation that led to the elaboration process of the consolidated document which formed the basis for...

2007 - Government to approve the Decree 6 /2007 of 25 April, containing the Regulation on Biosafety Relative to the Management of Genetically Modified Organisms.

2011- Approved the National Biotechnology Program – by the council of Minister.

2012 - The Ministry of Science and Technology initiated the process of revising the Biosafety Decree with a view to adopting it the new reality in the context of biotechnology and biosafety.

2014 - Submission to the Council of Ministers(Government) revised Regulation (harmonized through public consultation , regional seminars , support of international organizations , NEPAD / ABNE , AATF AfricaBio, USDA, SADC etc.)

Conclusion of Biosafety review process:

- Submit dossier to Council of Ministry's
- Convene C. of Ministry's to meeting
- Under guidance of Minister for S&T the CoM considers recommendations to revise

Biosafety Decree, and endorse Decree and Biosafety Regulations for implementation, formation of the Inter-ministerial Commission on Biosafety.

2. Public Gazettement of Revised Decree and Biosafety Regulations

- Council of Ministers approve publication revised Decree and Regulations
Liaise with relevant offices to ensure gazettelement process is effective,

3. INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Policy makers

Inter-ministerial Commission for Biosafety: authorizer any activity involving GMO, composed of 4 Ministry's (science and technology, agriculture, health and environment)

The Inter - Institutional Biosafety Group, here in after NBC is a multi -sectorial and multidisciplinary advisory body to provide technical and scientific advice to the Inter-ministerial Commission on Biosafety

Research Institutions

- National Center of Biotechnology and Bioscience, under the Minister of Science and Technology;
- Institute of Agricultural Research of Mozambique subordinate to the Minister of Agriculture;
- National Institute of Health reports to the Minister of Health;
- Biotechnology Center at the University Eduardo Mondlane.

GMO Pipeline Project

- WEMA PROJECT, GMO drought tolerance maize (IIAM/AATF NARS from South Africa, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania)
- Cotton Institute of Mozambique, cotton GMO Project.