

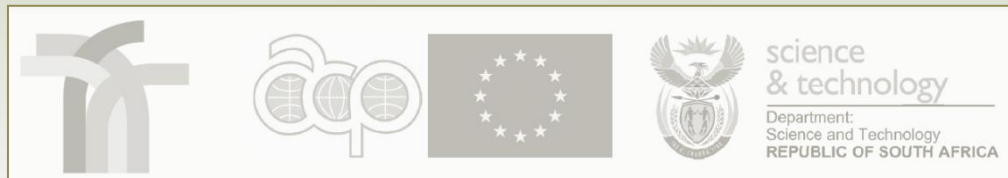


Launch and Awareness Raising Symposium
Recap: Day 1



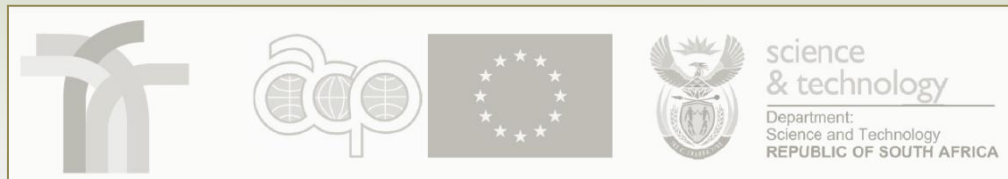
Introductions

- Delegates:
 - Lot of experience
 - Different approaches
 - Potentially a lot of learning within SADC
- Learn more about country approaches and challenges today



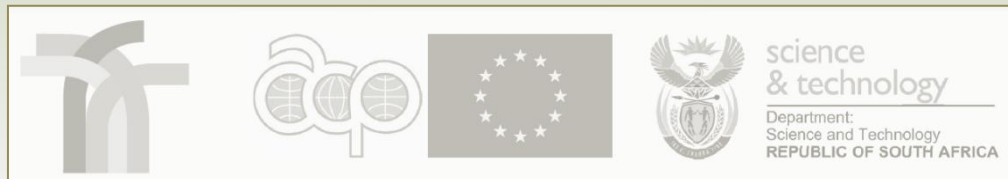
Complimentary initiatives

- ABNE
- UNEP SANGL
- Biosafety SA
- AfricaBio
- Gates project @ ICGEB



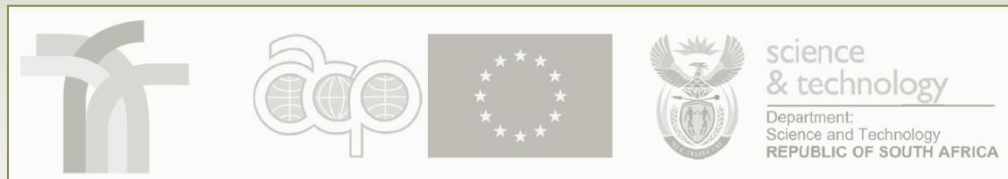
Regulators perspective

- Take into account different stakeholders' viewpoints
 - farmers, politicians, consumers, industry
- Benefits of technology has to accrue to more than one sector of society



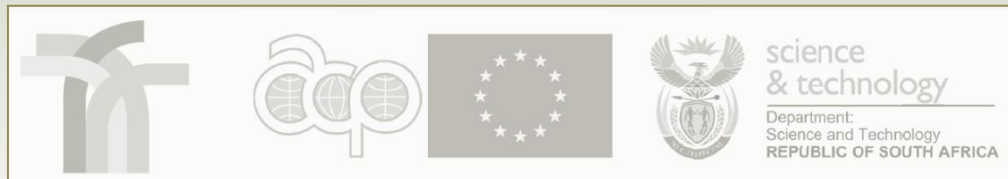
Biosafety

- Importance of frameworks!
- Remember context and relevance in evaluation matrix



COMMUNICATION!!

- Focus, strategy important for GMASSURE
- Responsibility of scientists
- No generalisations- could confuse stakeholders
- Reasons for non-acceptance: Zambia
- Biportal development: DST
- Avoid silos: also for SADC biotech stakeholders



Risk assessment

- How can the risk assessment story be repackaged?
 - Acceptance taken down to farmer level
 - New traits with benefits for farmers AND consumers will become available

