



GMASSURE

Assuring Agricultural and Food Safety
of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
in Southern Africa



WHAT is GMASSURE?



GMASSURE is an action of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Science and Technology Programme, funded mainly by the European Union, with project centres in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe. It aims to promote the benefits of biotechnology by doing the following:

- Increasing agricultural productivity in the SADC region
- Promoting sustainable agricultural practices and enhancing food security
- Improving knowledge about genetically modified crops, increasing the capacity of agricultural biosafety and biotechnology, and promoting the safe use of agricultural crops
- Working closely with scientists, government officials and policy makers, as well as small- and large-scale farming communities

WHY GMASSURE?



Due to the lack of widespread knowledge concerning biotechnology, and food and agricultural biosafety, government officials, policy makers and scientists in SADC need to be provided with the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions about the acceptance of GMOs produced through biotechnology in their countries.

HOW does GMASSURE assist?



GMASSURE addresses misinformation in the public domain through the following:

- Conducting training, workshops and awareness campaigns, and providing relevant literature, research material and guidelines to stakeholders
- Tackling misinformation by providing objective information about GMOs and biotechnology
- Promoting public awareness of modern biotechnologies and their role in increasing agricultural productivity and ensuring food security
- Strengthening capacity in Southern Africa to make informed decisions about modern biotechnologies and appropriate biosafety assessment

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