

Programme GMASSURE Biosafety Capacity Building Initiative in SADC
Region: Cresta Lodge, Harare, Zimbabwe 16-20 March 2015

Date	Time	Item	Resource Person	
Day One 16 March 2015	08:00 – 08:30	Registration		
	08:30 - 08:40	Introductory Remarks	Dr. Unesu Ushewokunze Obatolu	
	08:40 - 08:45	Introduction of the Minister, Director of Innovation, MHTESTD	Dr. Willie Ganda	
	08:45 – 09:15	Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education Science and Technology Development	Hon. O. C. Z. Muchinguri (MP)	
	09:15 – 09:20	Remarks from GMASSURE Focal Point in Zimbabwe	Prof. Idah Sithole-Niang	
	09:20 – 09: 30	Remarks from Ministry of Agriculture, DR&SS	Dr. C. Mujaju	
	09:30 – 09: 40	Remarks from UZ	TBA	
	09:40 - 09:50	Workshop Objectives and Expectations	Dr John Becker	
	09:50 – 10:00	Self- Introductions	Facilitator: Mr Edward Chuma	
	10:00 – 10:30	Group Photo & Tea		
	10:30 – 11:00	Setting the Scene: Biotechnology; What, Why, How?	Prof. Idah Sithole-Niang Facilitator	
	11:00 – 11:30	Biotechnology Defined -Genetic engineering -Traditional biotechnology	Dr. Hennie Groenewald	
	11:30 – 12:00	Agricultural Biotechnology -Implications for the third world?	Dr. Hennie Groenewald	
	12:00 – 12:45	Biotechnology and developing countries food security and livelihood enhancement case studies	Ms. Doreen Shumba-Mnyulwa	
	12:45 – 13:00	Discussion	Mr. Edward Chuma	
	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		
	14:00 – 15:00	Debate: Do GMOs have a role to play in improving livelihoods in Africa?(20 minutes preparation, 30 debate & 10 min summing up)	Mr. Edward Chuma Dr. Hennie Groenewald Ms. Doreen Shumba-Mnyulwa	
	15:00 – 15:30	Tea		
	15:30 – 15:45	Regulatory Framework in Zimbabwe	Dr. Jonathan Mufandaedza	
	15:45 – 17:15	Country presentations on the status of Biotechnology and Biosafety	Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia	
End of Day One				

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Day Two 17 March 2015	08:30 – 10:00	Country presentations on the status of Biotechnology and Biosafety	Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe	
	10:00 – 10:30	Tea		
	10:30 – 11:30	Regulatory Framework -Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Regulating Biotechnology in SADC	Dr. Martha Kandawa Schulz	
	11:30 – 12:00	Biosafety Clearing House Mechanism	Dr. Martha Kandawa Schulz	
	12:00 – 13:00	Group work – discussion on status of biotechnology & biosafety in the region, regulatory framework Group presentations	Mr. Edward Chuma Dr. Martha Kandawa Schulz	
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
	14:00 – 14:30	Defining Biosafety -What, why & how	Dr. Hennie Groenewald	
	14:30 – 15:00	Risk Assessment	Dr. Hennie Groenewald	
	15:00 – 15:30	Tea		
	15:30 – 16:30	Risk Management A framework a socio-economic impact assessment	Dr. Hennie Groenewald	
	16:30 – 17:00	Discussions	Mr. Edward Chuma	
	End of Day Two			
Date	Time	Item	Resource Person	
Day Three 18 March 2015	08:30 – 10:00	Introduction Science and Society Studies	Dr. Jacobus (Sjaak) Swart	
	10:00 – 10:30	Tea		
	10:30 – 13:00	Role play on biosafety regulation	Dr. Sjaak Swart Dr. Peter Weesie	
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
	14:00 – 15:30	Ethical and societal considerations	Dr. Jacobus (Sjaak) Swart	
	15:30 – 16:00	Tea		
	16:00 – 17:00	Biosafety socio-economic considerations, public awareness and public participation in the SADC countries	Ms. Doreen Shumba-Mnyulwa	
End of Day Three				
Gala Dinner				

Date	Time	Item	Resource Person
Day Four 19 March 2015	08:30 – 09:00	Under what conditions can agbiotech help improve African agricultural performance in a way that best benefits local farmers and consumers?	Mr. Caspar Roelofs
	09:00 – 09:30	Responsible research and innovation, what is the role of biosafety in innovation?	Dr. Koen Beumer
	09:30 – 10:00	Communication and Participation	Dr. Peter Weesie Dr. Sjaak Swart
	10:00 – 10:30	Tea	
	10:30 - 11:00	Communication and Participation	Dr. Peter Weesie Dr. Sjaak Swart
	11:00 - 12:30	Writing a press release (based on the topic of the role play)	Dr. Peter Weesie Dr. Sjaak Swart
	12:30 – 13:00	Discussion	Facilitator
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
	14:00 – 15:00	Developing countries discordances on Biotechnology -The status of biotechnology in the Region - Concerns on the use of GMOs	Ms. Doreen Shumba-Mnyulwa
	15:00 – 15:30	Tea	
	15:30 – 17:00	Group work on the Importance of public participation in Biosafety Decision making	Ms. Doreen Shumba-Mnyulwa Mr. Edward Chuma
	End of Day Four		
Date	Time	Item	Resource Person
Day Five 20 March 2015	08:30 – 09:15	Breaking the Myths - discussing the concerns and what is scientifically known – proven	Dr. Hennie Groenewald
	09:15 – 10:00	Convergence of Biotechnology and Trade	Prof. Idah Sithole-Niang
	10:00 - 10:30	Tea	
	10:30 – 11:30	Open discussion on Way forward for Biotechnology and Biosafety In Southern Africa	Prof. Idah Sithole-Niang
	11:30 – 12:00	Closure	Prof. Idah Sithole-Niang
	12:00 – 17:00	Field Visit / Excursion	Ms. Nthabiseng Ramosoou
	End of Day Five		