



# UWI/Alpen-Adria University Workshop on Socio-Economic Considerations (SECs) in GMO Decision-Making

November 23-25, 2015, St Vincent & the Grenadines

## FINAL DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Workshop objective

This workshop aims to familiarize participants with the key aspects of SEC and make them aware of the requirements, options and constraints of considering socioeconomic aspects in GMO policy-making. At the end of the workshop participants should: (i) Be familiar of the various dimensions of socio-economic issues, together with impacts and approaches as well as challenges in assessing these impacts; (ii) Be familiar of different options and challenges to include these aspects in policy making by drawing on illustrative examples, i.e. countries that have official procedures in place to deal with socio-economic considerations (both developing and developed countries); (iii) Be aware of possible facilitating and hindering factors in international law; (iv) Identify possible options and constraints for their country context.

Date and time	Session/Activity	Speaker
<b>Day 1</b>		
09:00-09:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to participants</li> <li>Opening remarks from the local organizer (UWI)</li> <li>Opening remarks from a representative of UNEP-PMR</li> <li>Opening remarks from a representative of the St Vincent and the Grenadines government</li> </ul>	<b>Armin Spök</b> , Alpen-Adria University, Austria <b>Michelle John</b> , Regional Project Manager, UWI <b>Pathmanathan Umaharan</b> , Technical Lead, UWI
09:30-10:30	Presentation: Socio-Economic Considerations (SEC) and the Overall Risk Governance Scheme for GMOs: Scope and General Approaches <b>Q&amp;A: 15 min</b>	<b>Armin Spök</b>
10:30-11:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:00-12:00	Presentation: SEC for GMOs in Decision-Making: Perspectives on Policy and International Law	<b>Martin Lema</b> , Director of Biotechnology at Ministry

	Q&A: 15 min	of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Argentina
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	Presentation: SEC in Protocols to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Latest Developments Q&A: 10 min	<b>Martin Lema</b>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	Lunch Break	
<b>13:30-14:45</b>	Break-up groups Tentative topics: -Would SEC be of interest for countries in the Caribbean region? -Which socio-economic issues, if any, do you feel should be a part of the GMO regulatory framework for your country? -Does your country have any experience with socio-economics in regulatory areas other than GMO?	All resource persons
<b>14:45-15:15</b>	Report back to the plenary	
<b>15:15-15:30</b>	Coffee/Tea Break	
<b>15:30-16:30</b>	Presentation: Evaluating social impacts for SEC in GMO Decision-Making: Approaches and Methodologies Q&A: 15 min	<b>Rosa Binimelis</b> , University of Vic-Central University of Catalonia, Agroecology and Food Systems, Spain; GENOK-Centre for Biosafety, Norway
<b>16:30-17:30</b>	Presentation: Evaluating economic impacts for SEC in GMO Decision-Making: Approaches and Methodologies Q&A: 15 min	<b>Jonas Kathage</b> , European GMO Socio-Economics Bureau (ESEB) at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission
<b>Day 2</b>		
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	Presentation: Evaluating ethical/moral/religious impacts for SEC in GMO Decision-Making: Approaches and Methodologies Q&A: 15 min	<b>Martin Remonet</b> , Haut Conseil des Biotechnologies (HCB), France
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	Presentation: Participation and transparency in GMO decision-making for SEC Q&A: 10 min	<b>Martin Remonet</b>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	Coffee/Tea Break	
<b>11:00-12:30</b>	Break-up groups Tentative topics: -Which of these evaluation approaches and methodologies could be undertaken in your country? -What kind of capacity would be needed to undertake such measurements? -What regulatory challenges would the inclusion of SEC bring? -Whom do you think should be involved in decision-	All resource persons

	making?	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	Lunch Break	
<b>13:30-14:00</b>	Report back to the plenary	
<b>14:00-14:45</b>	Presentation: SEC Experiences in GMO Decision-Making in France Q&A: 10 min	<b>Martin Remonet</b>
<b>14:45-15:30</b>	Presentation: SEC Experiences in GMO Decision-Making in Norway Q&A: 10 min	<b>Rosa Binimelis</b>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	Coffee/Tea Break	
<b>16:00-16:45</b>	Presentation: SEC Experiences in GMO Decision-Making in Argentina Q&A: 10 min	<b>Martin Lema</b>
<b>16:45-17:30</b>	Presentation: SEC Experiences in GMO Decision-Making in India Q&A: 10 min	<b>Monica Racovita</b> , Alpen-Adria University, Austria and <b>Jonas Kathage</b>
<b>Day 3</b>		
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	Break-up groups Tentative topics: -What insights could you take from the country experiences presented? Is there anything you could apply to your country?	All resource persons
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	Report back to the plenary	
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	Coffee/Tea Break	
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	Fictional Case Study: <b>GM Fungus resistant mango in Santa Sofia</b> : description and case study settings	<b>Monica Racovita</b>
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	Discussion groups	All resource persons
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	Lunch Break	
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	Discussion groups (cont.)	All resource persons
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	Coffee/Tea Break	
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	Report back to the plenary	
<b>17:00-17:10</b>	Closure of the workshop Closing remarks	<b>Armin Spök &amp; Michelle John</b>