

APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology
Needs Assessment Workshop for Asia

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The aim of this project, conducted by Singapore company Asia BioBusiness Pte. Ltd., is to identify current bottlenecks in the commercialization of agricultural biotechnology in APEC member economies at the policy development, regulatory, and infrastructural levels. Bilateral exchanges will then be coordinated that allow experiences and solutions to be shared. Initially, two needs assessment workshops are being held - in Peru for the Americas and in Singapore for the Asia / Pacific. These will identify issues limiting development of the sector and prioritize actions. As a result of the Peru workshop that took place in November, 2007 delegations from Peru and Chile will visit Philippines and Australia respectively.

Needs Assessment Workshop

AGENDA

Day 1. Moderators: Professor Paul Teng and Dr Andrew Powell

- 0900 Intro to HLPD Initiative
Intro to workshop process: Expectations from participants; Deliverables
- 0930 What is needed to commercialize a biotech crop product?
- 1030 BREAK
- 1100 Mini-workshop Session # 1. Enabling Needs
Benchmarking individual APEC economy's situation against generic enablers (Facilitating needs) and needs for commercialization
Key Deliverable 1: A list of assessed needs and gaps in each country
- 1230 LUNCH BREAK
- 1400 Mini-W S #1 (Reporting)
Reporting and Calibration
- 1500 What are priorities for R&D and for commercialization? Why?
- 1530 BREAK
- 1545 Mini-workshop # 2 Setting national priorities
Identify databases or decision making processes to justify investments in Specific crop-event combinations
Key Deliverable 2: A list of R&D priorities: A list of commercialization priorities (early successes with estimated timelines)
- 1700 Recap the process. Prepare for Day 2.

END of Day 1.

DAY 2. Moderators: Professor Paul Teng and Dr Andrew Powell

0900 Mini-W S #2 (Reporting)
Reporting and Calibration

1000 Mini-workshop # 3. Specifying Commercialization Needs for priorities
Identify specific gaps which need to be addressed to commercialize the
specified biotech crop product (s)
Key Deliverable 3: List of target areas in the commercialization pathway
which require action. Prioritize action. Identify potential entities responsible
and resourcing.

COFFEE BREAK

1130 REPORTING/Calibration

1230 LUNCH

1330 HLPD Modalities for accelerating action to commercialize / By Country: AP
to share on possible modalities in the Initiative

1345 Mini W # 4. Identify Modalities and Prioritize (timeframe)

1415 Report and Consensus building

1500 Recap. Follow-up.
END of Workshop