

COP-MOP8: AN OVERVIEW

**December 4-17, 2016
Cancun, Mexico**

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COP MEETINGS AT CANCUN

- 2016 United Nations Biodiversity Conference of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held on the theme “**Mainstreaming Biodiversity for well-being**” from December 2-17, 2016 at Cancun, Mexico.
- The following meetings were held:
 - High Level Segment (2-3 December, 2016)
 - Thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (CBD: COP13),
 - Eighth meeting of the COP-MOP to the Cartagena Protocol (CP: COPMOP8)
 - Second meeting of the COP-MOP to the Nagoya Protocol (NP : COPMOP2)
- The COP 13, COP-MOP8 and COP-MOP2 were held concurrently from 4-17 December, 2016 to promote integration of the CBD and its Protocols.
- More than 8,000 delegates from more than 180 countries participated in the concurrent meetings including Parties and other governments, UN agencies, intergovernmental, non-governmental, indigenous and local community organizations, academia and the private sector

COP13-COPMOP8-COPMOP2
CANCUN, MEXICO 2016



MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY FOR WELL-BEING
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

INDIA'S PARTICIPATION AT COPMOP8

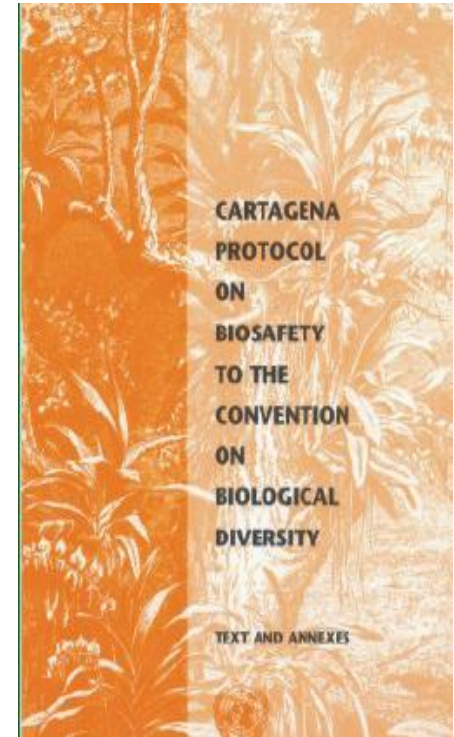
- Led by Dr. Amita Prasad, AS, MoEFCC
- Shri Gyanesh Bharti, JS, MoEFCC
- Ms. Madhumita Biswas, Director, MoEFCC

Supported by Dr. Vibha Ahuja and Dr. Murali Krishna from BCIL for showcasing capacity building project outputs



CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY: AN OVERVIEW

- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) is an international regulatory framework for safe transfer, handling and use of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) which was negotiated under the aegis of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- It entered into force on 11 September 2003
- 170 countries are Party
- India ratified to it on January 17, 2003
- MoEFCC is the nodal agency for implementing the CBD and its Protocols viz., CPB and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing in India



MEETINGS OF THE COPMOP

- The main function of the governing body viz COP-MOP is body is to review the implementation of the CPB and make decisions or provide necessary guidance to promote its effective operation.
- Agenda for each meeting is based on the Program of work approved by COP-MOP
- Eight meetings of the COP-MOP have been held so far
- Total of 130 decisions have been adopted

DISCUSSIONS AT COP-MOP8

- Agenda of the COP-MOP8 was based on Mid-term Evaluation of the Strategic Plan (2011-2020) and Third Assessment and Review of the Protocol
- The key agenda items were related to :
 - **Report of the Compliance Committee**
 - Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
 - **Report on the status of biosafety capacity building activities and review of the Framework and Action Plan for capacity building**
 - Report on the use of roster of biosafety experts
 - Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Article 20)

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DISCUSSIONS AT COP-MOP8

- **Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16)**
 - **Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)**
 - **Transit and contained use of living modified organisms (Article 6)**
 - Review of implementation and effectiveness of the Protocol (Monitoring and reporting (Article 33))
 - Third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the CPB and mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan
 - **Socio-economic considerations (Article 26)**
 - Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress
 - **Public awareness, education and participation (Article 23)**
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- The COP-MOP8 adopted 19 decisions.

DECISIONS ADOPTED

- COPMOP adopted 19 decisions
- The key decisions are related to risk assessment and risk management, transit and contained use, unintentional and illegal transboundary movement etc.
- A set of actions have been proposed to be taken by Parties during the inter-sessional period.
- Next presentation will cover article wise key decisions and proposed activities by MoEFCC

PARTICIPATION IN CEPA FAIR AT COP-MOP8

- India also participated in the Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) held concurrently to COPMOP-8 on December 7, 2016.
- Posters were displayed to showcase the outcomes of the Phase II Capacity Building Project on Biosafety
- A presentation on **“Enhancing Public Awareness and Participation on Biosafety Issues in India”** was made by Shri Gyanesh Bharti, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC



ENHANCING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON BIOSAFETY ISSUES
Phase II Capacity Building Project on Biosafety

BIOSAFETY RESOURCE KIT
A Revolution in Agriculture

GM CROPS
An annotated review on 'GM Crops: A Revolution in Agriculture', explaining facts & scientific aspects of GM crops in a simplified manner prepared as an annotated information tool.

WHAT IT COVERS

RESOURCE CATALOGUE

1. Biosafety Glossary of Terms
2. GM Crops: An Overview
3. GM Crops: Adoption and Impact
4. Detection Tools for GM Crops
5. Risk of Contaminants in Food: Boundary Movement of Plant Material including GM Crops
6. Proceedings of Report and Expert of GM Plant

TRANSLATION OF BIOSAFETY OUTREACH MATERIAL

BIOSAFETY NEWSLETTER

INFORMATION DISEMINATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

TRAINING IN RISK COMMUNICATION

KEY CONTACTS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BIOSAFETY ACTIVITIES
Phase II Capacity Building Project on Biosafety

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt of India has taken several initiatives for encouraging public participation in various biosafety activities, as part of its UNEP/GEF supported Phase II Capacity Building Project on Biosafety.

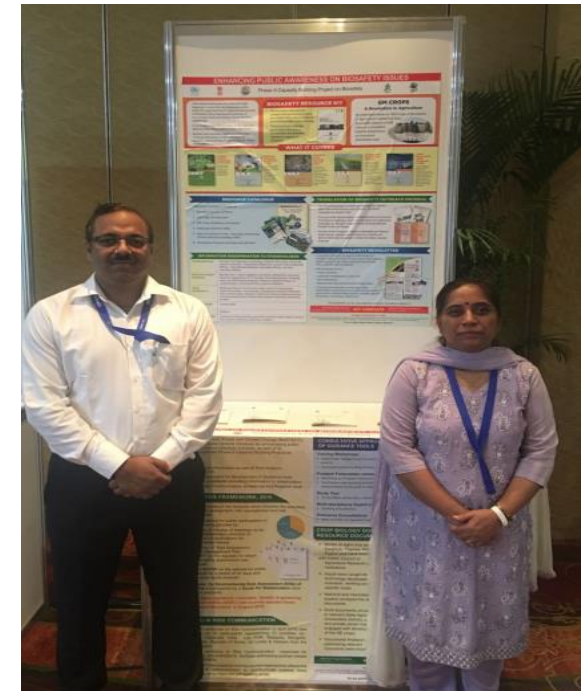
RISK ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK, 2016

CONSULTATIVE APPROACH FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE TOOLS FOR SAFETY ASSESSMENT

CROP BIOLOGY DOCUMENTS AS RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

TRAINING IN RISK COMMUNICATION

KEY CONTACTS



SIDE EVENT ON THE PHASE II CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT ON BIOSAFETY AT THE COP-MOP8

- The Phase II Capacity Building Project on Biosafety was showcased at the side events organized parallel to the COP-MOP 8
- Dr Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, CBD graced the event as the Chief Guest
- The knowledge products and outreach materials prepared under the four thrust areas of the project were presented
- Attended by more than 35 participants from various countries viz., Austria, Africa, Bangladesh, Brazil, Germany, Kenya etc.



The way forward :

- More capacity building activities for stakeholders.
- “Synthetic Biology” Team to be put in place for articulating India’s view.
- Expert Panel to be created for regular policy input.
- Creation of “Bio Safety Cell” for continuous policy updates.
- Bio safety Newsletter to be made more broad based.

Thank you for
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