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Biological Diversity**

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RISK ASSESSMENT OF LIVING
MODIFIED ORGANISMS
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the workshop:
 - 1.1. Welcoming remarks;
 - 1.2. Organization of work;
 - 1.3. Introduction of participants.
2. Overview of biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety:
 - 2.1. History of the Protocol and main provisions;
 - 2.2. Techniques used in modern biotechnology;
 - 2.3. Synthetic biology and biosafety.
3. Risk assessment experiences in the region:
 - 3.1. Experience of Panama with risk assessment and the regulatory system for living modified organisms;
 - 3.2. Presentations from participants: national experience with risk assessment and the application of the Cartagena Protocol.
4. National biosafety frameworks:
 - 4.1. Competent national authorities, practices and principles;
 - 4.2. Expert advice and the role of risk assessors.
5. Overview of the risk assessment:
 - 5.1. Methodology;
 - 5.2. Overarching issues (quality and relevance of information, uncertainty);
 - 5.3. The planning phase (context and scope, assessment endpoints, choice of comparators);
 - 5.4. Conducting the risk assessment (identification of novel characteristics, evaluation of livelihood and consequences, estimation of the overall risk, acceptability of risk);
 - 5.5. Preparing a risk assessment report and recommendation.
6. Case studies:
 - 6.1. Presentation of case study 1 (plenary session to exemplify how to apply the risk assessment methodology);
 - 6.2. Presentation of case study 2 and practical session (break-out groups).

7. Resource mobilization and the Biosafety Clearing-House:

7.1. Biosafety resource mobilization;

7.2. Biosafety Clearing-House.

8. Conclusions and recommendations:

8.1. Evaluation of the workshop;

8.2. Closure of the workshop.
