

OVERVIEW OF BIOSAFETY LEGISLATION IN AFRICA

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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION:

- INTRODUCTION: GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
- FOCUS ON KEY ISSUES
- Recommendations



INTRODUCTIONS AND GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Cameroon-Party to BSP;
UNEP GEF Development
Project
- Framework law
- Not easy to understand
- Mixed bag of provisions
- In some respects bad in
law and not
implemented BSP
properly
- Neglected key
provisions
(e.g.institutions; post
release monitoring)



Comment on key provisions



Authorisations and Public participation

Safety measures & destruction of GMOs that cause harm

Risk assessment, socio-economic considerations & Decision making

Products of GMOs, Pharmacueticals GMOs

Contained Use

Field trials

GMO ACT: KEY ISSUES



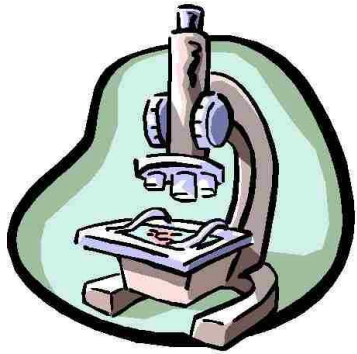
Commercial release

Risk Management

Export and Import

Liability and redress

Labelling



RECOMMENDATIONS

What is the overall policy context: agriculture, genetic engineering in food and farming and medical and other applications

Substantial redraft to cure defects, keep good provisions and improve on bad provisions

More user friendly and coherent version

Implement Biosafety Protocol fully

AU Model Law and from other countries e.g
Zambia