Decision on Strategic Plan for the Protocol

Decision BS-IV/15, para 2

*Invites* Parties to make submissions on a strategic plan for the Protocol and requests the Executive Secretary to present a draft strategic plan for consideration at its fifth meeting on this basis.
Focal areas underlying the five strategic objectives:

**Strategic objectives:**

1. Implementation of the Protocol (Giving further policy and guidance for implementation)
2. Capacity building
3. Outreach and cooperation
4. Compliance and review
5. Information sharing
Structure of the draft Strategic Plan

- vision
- mission
- five strategic objectives
- each strategic objective
  - expected impacts
  - operational objectives,
  - outcomes
  - Indicators

The strategic objectives have been derived and prioritized according to their contribution to the full implementation of the Protocol.
Strategic Objective
Capacity Building

Operational Objective 2.5

Public awareness, education and participation

• To enhance capacity at the national, regional and international levels that would facilitate efforts to raise public awareness, and promote education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs
Outcomes

• Parties have access to guidance and training materials on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs

• Parties are enabled to promote and facilitate public awareness, education and participation in biosafety
Indicators

• Percentage of Parties having in place mechanisms for ensuring public participation in decision-making concerning LMOs not later than 6 years after accession to/ratification of the Protocol

• Percentage of Parties that inform their public about existing modalities for participation

• Number of Parties having in place national websites and searchable archives, national resource centres or sections in existing national libraries dedicated to biosafety educational materials
Outreach and cooperation (Focal Area 5)

• 5.3 Communication and outreach (Strategic Objective)

• To raise the profile of the Protocol
Outcomes

• Outreach services of the Protocol enhanced among relevant national and international stakeholders
• All Parties have designed and implemented education and communication strategies
• Biosafety issues and Protocol activities are regularly covered by local as well as international media
• Increased understanding of the relationship between the Protocol and the CBD and other biosafety-related agreements
Indicators

• Number of national awareness and outreach programmes on biosafety

• Percentage of Parties that have in place national communication strategies on biosafety not later than 3 year after having adopted national biosafety laws
Indicators (cont’d)

• Percentage of Parties that have in place national biosafety websites, including national BCH nodes that are accessible to and searchable by the public

• Number of Parties with awareness and educational materials on biosafety and the Protocol available and accessible to the public, including the diversity of these materials
Monitoring of SP

- Mid-term review in conjunction with the 3rd Assessment and Review at COPMOP 8