

TESTING OF THE GUIDANCE ON RISK ASSESSMENT OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Caribbean Training Course on Risk Assessment of LMOs, Belize City, Belize, 26-30 September 2011

PARTICIPANT 1

OVERALL EVALUATION					
	Very poor	Poor	Neutral	Good	Very good

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Q7. How do you evaluate the usefulness of the Guidance as a tool to assist countries in conducting and reviewing risk assessments of LMOs <u>introduced into various receiving environments</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Q8. Does the Roadmap provide useful guidance for conducting risk assessments of LMOs in accordance with the Protocol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: <Type here>
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Q10. Is the Roadmap organized in a logic and structured manner?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: <Type here>
Q11. Is the Roadmap user-friendly taking into account that risk assessment is a complex scientific and multidisciplinary activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: The inclusion of the annex "Use of Terms" would be useful in this regard.
Q12. Is the Roadmap applicable to all types of LMOs (e.g. plants, animals, microorganisms)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: More examples of non-plant LMOs could be given, however.
Q13. Is the Roadmap applicable to all types of introductions into the environment (e.g. small- and large-scale releases, placing on the market/commercialisation)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: However, it appears to be skewed towards releases as opposed to the latter.

Q14. Is there any other issue or concept that you would like to see included in the Roadmap?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: <Type here>
Q15. Does the flowchart provide a useful graphic representation of the risk assessment process as described in the Roadmap?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: It could be based more on summaries and less reliant on words since reference can be made to the specifics in the document itself.

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Q10. Is the Roadmap organized in a logic and structured manner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: It is logical however the structure could be improved.
Q11. Is the Roadmap user-friendly taking into account that risk assessment is a complex scientific and multidisciplinary activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: But it could be improved.
Q12. Is the Roadmap applicable to all types of LMOs (e.g. plants, animals, microorganisms)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: There is some lack of info on the use of it in relation to animals.
Q13. Is the Roadmap applicable to all types of introductions into the environment (e.g. small- and large-scale releases, placing on the market/commercialisation)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: <Type here>

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Q15. Does the flowchart provide a useful graphic representation of the risk assessment process as described in the Roadmap?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: It is however too wordy.

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Q12. Is the Roadmap applicable to all types of LMOs (e.g. plants, animals, microorganisms)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: More emphasis is placed on plants and more needs to be placed or it needs to be extended to include animals.

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Q10. Is the Roadmap organized in a logic and structured manner?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: I think it does.
Q11. Is the Roadmap user-friendly taking into account that risk assessment is a complex scientific and multidisciplinary activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: The map helps to simplify a complex task into a simple process.
Q12. Is the Roadmap applicable to all types of LMOs (e.g. plants, animals, microorganisms)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: With some minor variations to non-plant LMOs.

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Q15. Does the flowchart provide a useful graphic representation of the risk assessment process as described in the Roadmap?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Comments: But a little too heavy with wording in the boxes.

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Q10. Is the Roadmap organized in a logic and structured manner?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Comments: <Type here>

No

Q11. Is the Roadmap user-friendly taking into account that risk assessment is a complex scientific and multidisciplinary activity?

Yes
 No

Comments: <Type here>

Q12. Is the Roadmap applicable to all types of LMOs (e.g. plants, animals, microorganisms)?

Yes
 No

Comments: The applicability of this Roadmap is highly dependent on experiences that have already been acquired through earlier risk assessments on LMOs.

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Yes
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Yes
 No

Comments: The text under the headings in my opinion is too much and adds no further value to the chart.

All relevant text is in the Guidance and does not need repeating in the chart.
