

Introductory Course to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Course Syllabus



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Learning objectives

This course introduces you to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Protocol seeks to ensure an adequate level of safety in the transfer, handling, and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on biological diversity.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

- 1 Describe potential benefits and adverse effects of Living Modified Organisms
- 2 Identify the core components and mechanisms established by the Cartagena Protocol

Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of 4 lessons, which provide links to the relevant treaty text paragraphs and term concepts of the InforMEA Glossary section. The lessons are organised in books, which can be downloaded in pdf from the left-hand navigation menu.

The core content of these lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publication and/or external websites

It will take you 90 minutes approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; take a few units and retake the course whenever it is more convenient for you.

Assessment and certificate

Take the quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress.

You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain a course certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new course and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
Unit 1 – Introduction	1. Living Modified Organisms Potential Benefits Potential Risks 2. Negotiation and adoption of the Cartagena Protocol	1. Describe potential benefits and adverse effect of LMOs 2. Recall the origins and main objective of the Cartagena Protocol
Unit 2 – Major components of the Cartagena Protocol	1. Objective and Scope 2. Advance Informed Agreement Procedure Exclusions 3. Procedure for LMOs intended for Direct Use as Food, Feed or for Processing 4. Risk Assessment and Risk Management 5. Unintentional Transboundary Movement of LMOs 6. Identification of LMOs 7. Confidential Information 8. Capacity Building 9. Public Awareness and Participation 10. Transboundary Movement of LMOs with Non-Parties 11. Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms	1. Identify the core provisions of the Cartagena Protocol and the mechanisms established to facilitate its implementation.
Unit 3 - Institutional Arrangements and the Clearing House Mechanism	1. Institutional Arrangements 2. Information Sharing - The Biosafety Clearing-House	1. Explain the institutional arrangements established to facilitate the Cartagena Protocol implementation
Unit 4 - The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress	1. The Origins of the Supplementary Protocol 2. Core provisions	1. Name the main components of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol



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