

MOVING FORWARD ON AGRICULTURAL
BIOTECHNOLOGY THROUGH CONTINUING
EFFORTS ON REGULATORY COOPERATION IN
APEC

Policy Approaches Document: Introducing the Web Portal

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- Brief Introduction to the Rationale for the Policy Approaches Web Portal
- Walkthrough of the web portal (hopefully live)
 - With screenshots as backup



Policy Approaches Web Portal

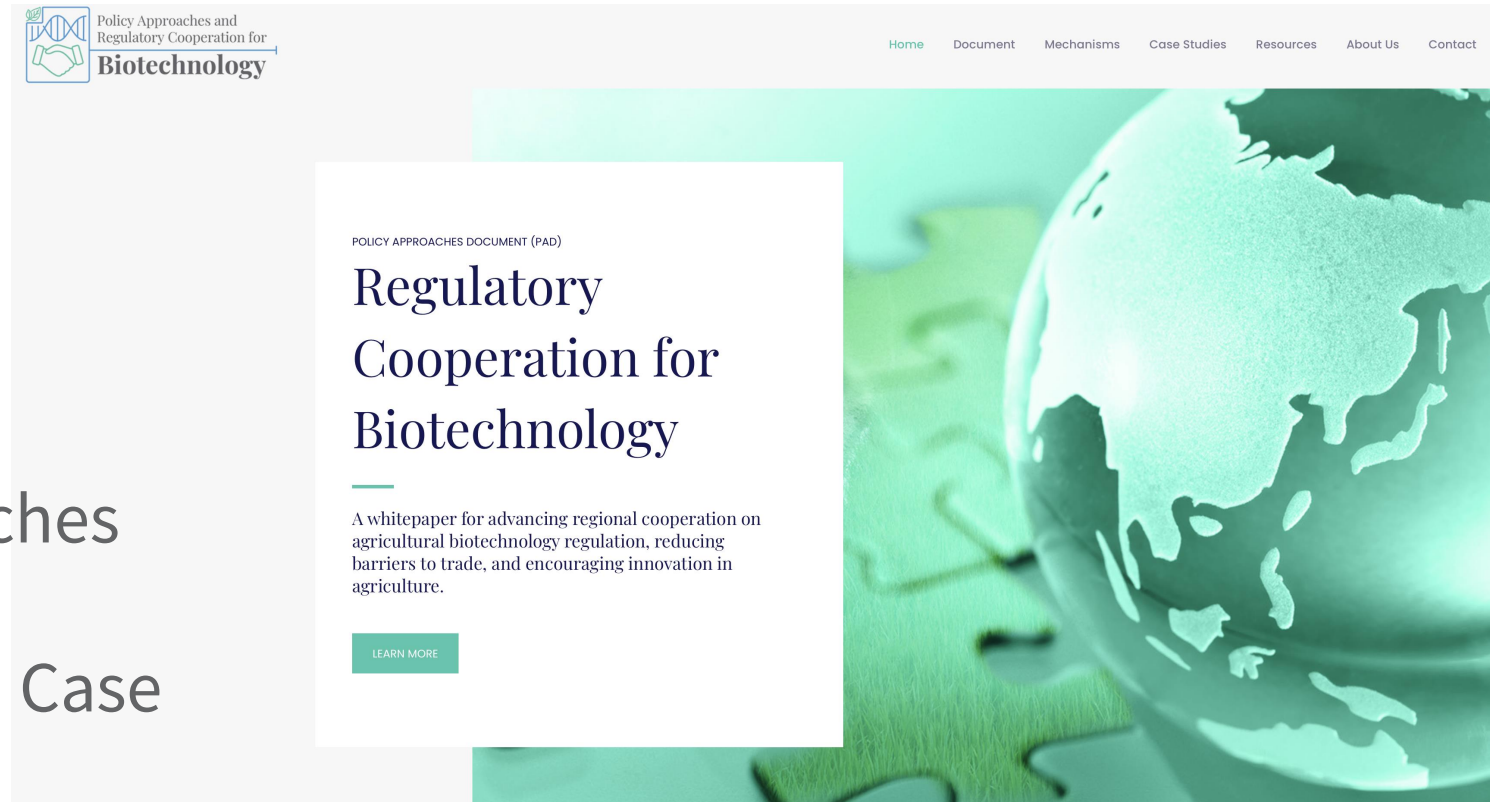
What is it?

Why is a web portal useful?

What is it?



- An external website
- Managed by AFSI
 - Free
 - We will maintain this indefinitely
- Housing the Policy Approaches Document
 - Including a (searchable) Case Study database
 - Links to external resources



Why do we think this is useful?



- The internet is the way people interact with information in 2024
 - While the Policy Approaches Document will be available as a PDF, we think more people will reference it more often if it is formatted as a web portal
- Case Study information can be added and updated over time
 - The web portal allows the information to form a “living” repository that can be updated more frequently and referenced more easily than a PDF publication
- Future capabilities can be added to the web portal if a need is identified by the HLPDAB

What does it look like?



POLICY APPROACHES DOCUMENT (PAD)

Regulatory Cooperation for Biotechnology

A whitepaper for advancing regional cooperation on agricultural biotechnology regulation, reducing barriers to trade, and encouraging innovation in agriculture.

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“Living” Document

This website hosts information laid out in the policy approaches document, case studies, and links to useful resources, updated whenever necessary.

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Descriptions of mechanisms of regulatory cooperation with case examples.

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A searchable database of examples of regulatory cooperation.

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<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>Global Low-Level Presence Initiative</p>	<p>ONLINE COURSE</p> <p>AFSI E-Learning Platform</p>	<p>DATABASE</p> <p>Crop Composition Database (CCDB)</p>

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Policy Approaches Document

Practical Tools and Information for Regulatory
Cooperation





A whitepaper for advancing regional cooperation on agricultural biotechnology regulation, reducing barriers to trade, and encouraging innovation in agriculture.



Policy Approaches Document [Draft]

WHAT?

This online portal and accompanying white paper outline opportunities for regulatory cooperation on agricultural biotechnology and provide access to helpful tools and information.

WHY?

The [Policy Approaches Document](#) and accompanying online resources were developed in response to needs identified in the APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology (HLPDAB), which asked for practical tools and capacity building to enable economies to cooperatively improve agricultural biotechnology regulation, communication, and trade.

HOW?

Progressing through a series of workshops and consultations with APEC member economies, an outline describing useful information and examples of regulatory cooperation efforts was approved by the HLPDAB in August 2022. The outline is now being developed into a "living" white paper hosted on this website, along with elaborated examples and links to tools and information that can help economies make practical decisions to advance regulatory cooperation around agricultural biotechnology.

Mechanisms of Cooperation



Mechanisms of regulatory cooperation in agricultural biotechnology
are listed below.

To suggest a mechanism and related case study for addition to our website, please [contact us](#).

Information Sharing

The provision of relevant information by organizations or agencies, accomplished through general broadcasting of information or more targeted direct communication.

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Policy Alignment

Alignment of policies and procedures is in itself an approach to regulatory cooperation, and it can be necessary and important step toward achieving other forms of regulatory cooperation.

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Collaboration on Risk/Safety Assessments

Different ways to collaborate on risk/safety assessments include safety assessment reviews, parallel safety assessments, shared safety assessments, and joint safety assessments.

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Case Study Database

Use the filter dropdowns to browse relevant case studies, or type the name of the case study you are looking for in the search bar.

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Geographies

Mechanisms of Cooperation

Categories of Cooperation

Search:

Name	Description	Cooperators	Geography	Mechanism	Category	
Argentina – Brazil (Memorandum of Understanding)	Memorandum of understanding between regulatory agencies of Argentina and Brazil for cooperation in biosafety of products derived from modern biotechnology.	Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, Argentina and The Brazilian National Technical Commission on Biosafety	Argentina, Brazil	Collaboration on Risk/Safety Assessments	Agreement	<div>VIEW</div>
Codex Alimentarius	An intergovernmental effort facilitated by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and World Health Organisation to develop food standards, codes of practice,	Codex Members	Global	Policy Alignment	Forum	<div>VIEW</div>

Global Low Level Presence Initiative



Cooperators:

Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Mexico, Paraguay, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, South Africa, the United States of America, Uruguay, and Vietnam



Geography/Region:

Global



Mechanism of Cooperation:

Information Sharing



Category of Cooperation:

Policy

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Opportunity for APEC Economies

Eight of the 21 APEC economies have endorsed the [International Statement on Low-Level Presence](#) which highlights the importance of information sharing mechanisms in addressing LLP situations, saving valuable resources for industry and governments, and contributing to mitigating food shortages. There is an opportunity for the remaining economies to consider collaboration through their participation in this group.

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FAO GM Foods Platform

WEBSITE

Global Low-Level Presence
Initiative

WEBSITE

Codex Alimentarius
Standards and Related Rexts

ONLINE COURSE

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FAO GM Foods Platform

**Resource Type:**

Database

[Link to Resource](#)**Source:**

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

**Source Type:**

IGO

**Source Geography:**

Global

Description

The FAO GM Foods Platform is a simple online platform to share information on safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant-DNA plants authorized in accordance with the Codex Guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of foods derived from recombinant-DNA plants (CAC/GL 45-2003, annex III adopted in 2008). This Platform also facilitates the effective utilization of food safety assessment in situations of Low Level Presence (LLP) of r-DNA plant materials in food. It is freely accessible for those who want to browse the information. Registration is required for those who need to upload information. Only officially nominated Focal Points can register to the Platform thus only official information/data are shared.

[Link to Resource](#)

How Can You Use This?



- First and foremost, it's a source of information to ensure people have easy access to the things we discuss at HLPDAB workshops
- Communication tool
 - Between and amongst the economies
 - Also with other stakeholders within your economy
- Provides a basis for introducing (and continuing) discussions of regulatory cooperation





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