

MOVING FORWARD WITH THE POLICY
APPROACHES DOCUMENT

Breakout Sessions

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Rationale for Breakout Discussions



Foster improved understanding of commonalities in biotechnology regulations within APEC.



Explore potential mechanisms to collaborate with other regulatory agencies to address the given scenario.



Consider practical and feasible ways for regulatory alignment that can be implemented at the level of APEC.

Case Scenario I: Low-Level Presence



- Hypothetical GM insect-resistant corn
- Low-level presence in grain import shipment to an economy that has not approved this event
- The economy does not have an LLP policy
- What are the options?
- How can this situation be addressed?

Case Scenario II: Data Transportability



- Hypothetical nutritionally enhanced GM banana
- Codex-compliant food safety assessment data
- Portability of agronomic and composition data
- How can the available data be leveraged to prevent duplicative efforts?



Case Scenario III: JOINT REVIEWS



- Hypothetical drought tolerant GM sugarcane
- Review for safety assessment of highly refined product for food use
- Considerations for a joint review

Case Scenario IV: DRAFTING OF DOMESTIC GUIDELINES



- Drafting of guideline for foods derived from GM plants
- Leveraging knowledge and experience of other economies that have done this exercise
- Considerations for collaborating with another economy



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