

Bali, Indonesia, 5 Oct 2013

2013 APEC Ministerial Meeting

Joint Ministerial Statement

Promoting the Application of Innovative Biotechnologies

1. Acknowledging that agricultural biotechnology advances APEC economies' agricultural sustainability and goals for food security, we agreed to promote the sharing of information and experience on the creation and fostering of science-based regulations, and to identify applications of agricultural biotechnology that address the environmental, food, and health challenges in member economies.
2. We reaffirmed our commitment to promote science-based risk assessments and transparent decision making consistent with domestic laws as part of the continuing effort to educate the public about the importance of global food security of providing farmers with production choices, including agricultural biotechnology.
3. We demonstrated support for small farmers by directing the HLPDAB to develop a platform to share information on policy and innovative technologies, appropriate for small farmers' use. We encouraged officials to conduct risk communication outreach to improve public understanding on agricultural biotechnology.

Vladivostok, Russia, 5 - 6 Sep 2012

2012 APEC Ministerial Meeting

Joint Statement

Application of innovative biotechnologies for food security in APEC

We welcome work to promote transparent and functioning regulatory systems to ensure safety and to facilitate investment in and the development and application of innovative biotechnologies for food security in APEC. We reaffirm the important potential of biotechnology for contributing to food security and sustainability and the role of APEC in assisting economies in developing transparent regulatory systems that ensure safety, promote public confidence in those systems, and facilitate trade, including in situations of low-level presence of recombinant-DNA plant materials.

Honolulu, Hawaii, United States, 11 Nov 2011

2011 APEC Ministerial Meeting

Statement

Facilitating Trade in Products Derived from Innovative Agriculture Technologies

We reaffirmed our commitment to promote and adopt regulatory approaches that are transparent, science-based, consistent with international obligations, and take into account, where appropriate,

existing international standards, in order to facilitate trade in products derived from innovative agricultural technologies. To achieve this goal, we encouraged economies to publicize existing regulatory approaches for these technologies by 2012, conduct periodic self-reviews of these regulatory approaches, provide for meaningful and transparent public consultation and stakeholder input into the development of these regulatory approaches, and conduct capacity-building activities supporting the above stated goals by the end of 2012.

Yokohama, Japan, 10 - 11 Nov 2010

2010 APEC Ministerial Meeting

Joint Statement - *The Yokohama Vision - Bogor and Beyond*

We welcomed the report of the High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology this year on conventional and bio-technological means to help the agricultural sector adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change