

**Proposed Work Plan for 2019**  
**High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology (HLPDAB)**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

In 2019, the High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology (HLPDAB) will conduct a sequence of activities that aim to respond to APEC Leaders' Declarations, Ministerial and High-Level statements, decisions of Senior Officials, as well as SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE) priorities and, where appropriate, APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) recommendations. The HLPDAB will continue to implement the Nigata Declaration on APEC Food Security (2010), the Kazan Declaration on APEC Food Security (2012), the Beijing Declaration on APEC Food Security (2014), the Piura Declaration on APEC Food Security (2016), the Can Tho Statement on Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Response to Climate Change (2017), and Papua New Guinea Dialogue Summary (2018).

The proposed activities to be taken sit within the framework of the HLPDAB Strategic Plan (2019-2021), which focuses on three priority areas:

- (1) Administration of innovative and emerging agricultural technologies as part of the solution to global challenges
- (2) Management of the differences in innovative agricultural technologies regulatory systems
- (3) Enhancement of public perception and understanding of innovative agricultural technologies

## **II. HLPDAB Activities in 2019**

### **1. Meetings**

#### **1.1. Annual HLPDAB Meeting**

HLPDAB will hold one Annual Plenary Meeting (HLPDAB 18) in August in Puerto Varas, Chile, during the APEC Food Security Week to continue addressing its mandate to develop regulatory frameworks, facilitate technology transfer, encourage investment and strengthen public confidence regarding biotechnology in order to contribute to the development of agriculture and protect the environment, with the ultimate objective of promoting food security.

The annual meeting will continue building relationships among APEC economies while exchanging information regarding the responsible use, development and adoption of innovative plant breeding and animal technologies.

#### **1.2. Joint fora meeting**

During the Food Security Week 2019, the HLPDAB economies will have the opportunity to discuss areas of collaboration and engagement with the following APEC complimentary fora

Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS), Agriculture Technical Cooperation Working Group (ATCWG) and Ocean Fisheries Working Group (OFWG).

## 2. HLPDAB Project

2.1. Update of the APEC Baseline Study: Regulations of Products Derived from Innovative Agricultural Technologies and Identification of Ways to Promote Greater Efficiencies and Alignment.

## 3. HLPDAB Workshop

3.1. Workshop I: Strengthening Regulatory Cooperation for Agricultural Biotechnology: Promoting Greater Efficiencies and Alignment and Workshop II: Precision Agricultural Biotechnology - Regulatory and Trade Cooperation.

This 3-day workshop will be held in Puerto Varas, Chile, in August 2019. The workshop will be held on the margins with the HLPDAB annual meeting during the Food Security Week of 2019.

## III. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2019

<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Continue promotion of transparent and science-based regulations to advance on agricultural innovation in the context of global trade	Ongoing
Continue to enhance understanding of new agricultural breeding techniques	Ongoing
Continuing sharing information on innovative agricultural technologies	Ongoing
Continue to develop self-funded capacity building proposals and proposals for APEC-funded projects	Ongoing
Continue updating the baseline review of APEC economies' regulations on products derived from innovative agriculture and develop next steps	Ongoing
Facilitate collaboration across APEC sub-fora on food security issues	Ongoing
Contribute to enhancement of the scientific knowledge of APEC economy regulators and policy makers	Ongoing
Engage ABAC, private sector, and other relevant non-members to promote the work of HLPDAB, as appropriate	Ongoing
Preparation of HLPDAB inputs for the APEC Ministerial Meeting on Food Security 2019	July-August
Elaboration of HLPDAB Strategic Plan 2019-2020	July-August