

North American Biotechnology Initiative

Identifying Opportunities and Meeting Challenges in North America

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North American Biotechnology Initiative

- Canada, Mexico and the United States
- Goals and achievements
 - Agricultural biotechnology information sharing
 - Regulatory processes
 - Policy approaches
 - Capacity building
 - Field trial inspector training
 - Risk assessment workshop
 - Technology Transfer/Intellectual Property Rights Workshop
 - 9-11 November, Mexico City
 - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
 - Trilateral Arrangement

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- Meetings held every sixth months
 - Rotating venue
 - Last meeting hosted by the United States (Puerto Rico)
 - Next meeting to be hosted by Canada
 - Meetings held in March and October
- Working Groups
 - Regulatory
 - Marketing/Trade
 - Research
 - Communications

NABI Working Groups

- Research
 - Information sharing of R&D in our three countries
 - Coordinated the TT/IPR Workshop
 - Chaired by United States
- Regulatory
 - Mexico's new Biosafety Law
 - Implementing regulations
 - Review of regulatory authority in United States, Canada
 - Chaired by Canada

NABI Working Groups

- Trade & Marketing
 - Impacts of policies on North American trade in transgenics
 - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
 - Mexico's new Biosafety Law
 - Chaired by Mexico
- Communications
 - Newest Working Group
 - Identify tools that facilitate information sharing
 - NABI website?
 - Listserv (email network)
 - Jointly chaired by Canada, Mexico & US

NABI Issues & Challenges

- Mexico as Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
 - New Biosafety Law
 - Mexico Pilot Project for the transboundary movement of maize containing LMOs
 - Trilateral Arrangement
- New applications of biotechnology in agriculture
 - Animal biotechnology
 - Industrial & pharmaceutical crops

NABI Issues & Challenges

- Imports of transgenics
 - Ensuring food safety
 - Encouraging innovation abroad
- Sharing the NABI model
 - Collaboration with IICA
 - Hemispheric Program on Biotechnology & Biosafety
 - Meeting with CAS (Consejo Agropecuario del Sur – Grupo Biotecnológico)
 - 21-22 September, Buenos Aires