

Promotion of the Aarhus Principles in International Forums

Experience and challenges
in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

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Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Article 23: Public awareness
and participation”

Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)

Supplementary Protocol on Liability
and Redress

Article 23

Public Awareness and Participation

1. The Parties shall:
 - (a) Promote and facilitate public awareness, education and information concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, taking also into account risks to human health. In doing so, Parties shall cooperate, as appropriate, with other States and international organizations.
 - (b) Endeavour to ensure that public awareness and education include information on living modified organisms identified in accordance with the Protocol that may be imported.
2. The Parties shall, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, make the results of such decisions available to the public, while respecting the right of the public about the means of



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Public participation during negotiations

Experiences...



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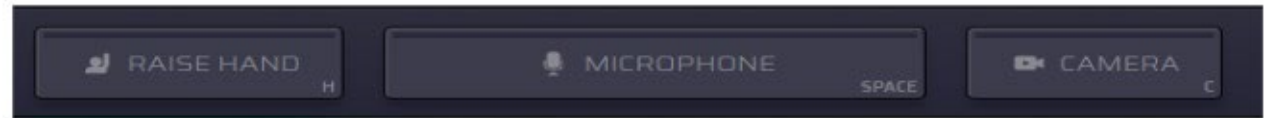
... and challenges



Participation by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs)



Challenges due to the pandemic



Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol

DIRECTIVE 2001/18/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 12 March 2001

on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 95 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty, in the light of the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee on 20 December 2000 ⁽³⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The Report of the Commission on the Review of Council Directive 90/220/EEC of 23 April 1990 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms ⁽⁴⁾, adopted on 10 December 1996,

affecting other Member States. The effects of such releases on the environment may be irreversible.

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Implementation & Compliance

We need to see the Aarhus Principles implemented on the ground.