

2013 APIP on Food Security
Input for the Action Plan

Name of the responsible APEC-economy: Canada

1. Action Plan No.:

46. Conduct a study on the international framework of rules, standards and guidance for agricultural crop biotechnology and hold a workshop to identify gaps and potential future work to minimize impediments to trade.

(2011-2012)

2. Program/project title:

TBD

3. 1)Objectives, 2)direct beneficiaries and 3)expected outputs:

Since Canada committed to undertake a project under the APEC Food Security Ministerial Action Plan in 2010, progress has been made internationally with efforts at APEC, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and other international groups to develop a better understanding of the international framework of rules on agricultural biotechnology.

At APEC, regular meetings and specific workshops conducted under the High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology (HLPDAB) provided an opportunity for Economies to exchange information and experiences on the use of international science-based guidelines and standards on biotechnology. Also, new projects currently under consideration by the HLPDAB members are meant to achieve this greater understanding of international rules on agricultural biotechnology.

Internationally, groups under the OECD and the Global LLP Initiative, among others, have provided Economies with the opportunity to participate in discussions designed to identify gaps and future work to improve the international framework of rules on agricultural biotechnology.

In this context, Canada is currently reassessing how best to achieve its commitment under the APEC Food Security Ministerial Action Plan while being mindful of not duplicating any other regional or international efforts/actions on agricultural biotechnology.

Canada will keep Economies apprised of developments and next steps.