

Biosafety Clearing House Project Phase III

Introduction to the Project and Workshop

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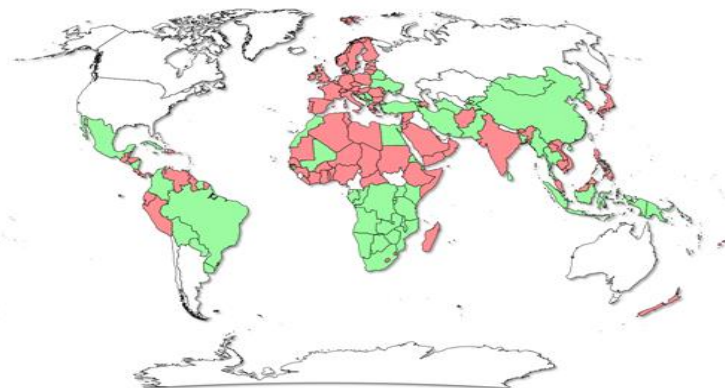


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BCH III Project

- Enabling Activity;
- UN Environment – GEF joint venture;
- Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH phase III);
- Global project with 76 participating countries.



Overall objective:

to provide support to eligible parties in order to build and sustain capacity for effective participation in the BCH in line with relevant COP/MOP Decisions through:

- Strengthening of national capacities to effectively access and use the BCH,
- Promoting regional and sub-regional collaboration, networking and exchange of experience for national and regional BCH management.

BCH III Project: components



- Component 1:** *Global and Sub-Regional Networking and Knowledge Sharing of Information for effective Management of the BCH;*
- Component 2:** *Production of Biosafety Clearing House educational packages in all six (6) United Nations languages (as appropriate) and provision of virtual education tools;*
- Component 3:** *Strengthening and sustainability of the Biosafety Clearing House Regional Advisors System as a support to Parties for an effective participation to the Biosafety Clearing House;*
- Component 4:** *Assisting governments' officials, decision makers and key stakeholders to enhance their understanding and, where appropriate, appreciation of what should or must be placed in the Biosafety Clearing House;*
- Component 5:** *Sustainability and awareness of the Biosafety Clearing House and national databases in coordination with United Nations Agencies and other information sharing initiatives on Biosafety.*

Workshop objectives

- a) Define roles of Competent National Authorities and National Focal Points relevant to the Biosafety Protocol
- b) Enhance the national capacity to use the BCH Central Portal to find and register information
- c) Define procedures or mechanisms to flow information onto the BCH

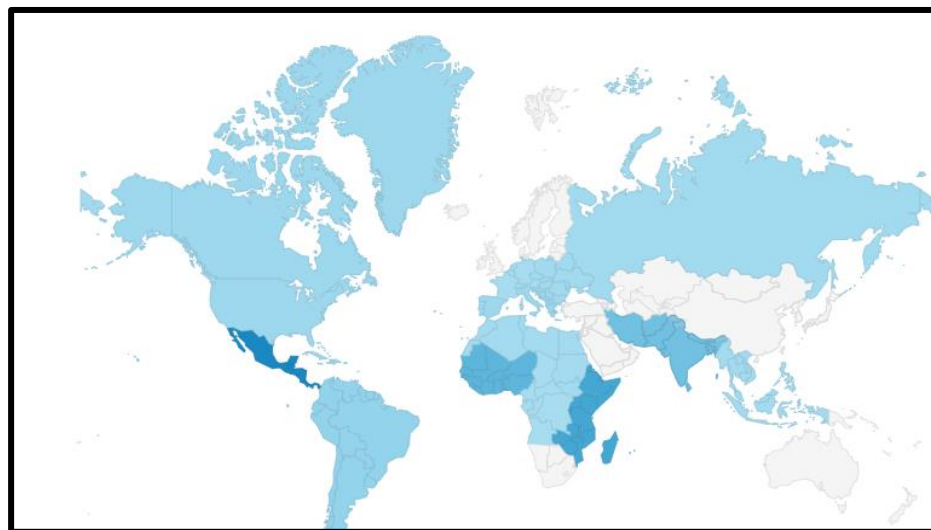
Methodology

- Expectation Setting
- Key Topics presentation (by resource persons);
- Sharing of Experiences and Networking
- Q & A in sessions;
- Interactive Modules
- Participants Workgroups and Presentations;
- Panel Discussions;
- Workshop evaluation

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

All project activities are supported by the VLE which holds knowledge assessments and an extensive amount of training manuals and materials. (<http://vle.bch3-un.org>)

	quantity
Total number of virtual courses:	37
Total number of webinars published (EN, FR, ES, RU):	35
Total number of registered users:	574
Total number of countries of access to the VLE in the last 3 months:	31



THANK YOU!

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