



Convention on
Biological Diversity



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The Secretariats of the Aarhus Convention and of the Convention on Biological Diversity cordially invite you to a side event on:

“Building capacity for public participation to effectively implement the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Aarhus Convention in the context of LMOs/GMOs”

The side event is intended to provide an opportunity to share experiences on tools, procedures and mechanisms for public participation concerning living modified organisms (LMOs)/genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and includes presentations and a training session to delegates from Governments and relevant organizations on public participation mechanisms and procedures. The event will highlight means to integrate national initiatives developed in the context of Article 23 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, focusing on public participation, into national policy instruments. It will also help identify key challenges regarding the ratification of the GMO amendment to the Aarhus Convention and ways to promote more efficiently the implementation of the provisions of the Convention regarding GMO decision-making.

Date and Time: Monday 11 September 2017 at 13.15 – 14.45

Venue: Hotel Montenegro (Hall Zeta), Budva, Montenegro

SIDE EVENT AGENDA

Time	Presentation Title	Presenter
13:15-13:25	Welcoming Remarks	Mr Marco Keiner (Director, UNECE Environment Division) Ms. Ulrika Nilsson (SCBD)
13:25-13:35	Opening Statement and Tools, procedures and mechanisms for public participation in Austria	Mr. Helmut Gaugitsch (Chair)
13:35-13:40	Tools, procedures and mechanisms for public participation in Namibia	Ms. Martha Kandawa- Schulz (Namibia)
13.40 – 13.50	<i>Discussion on presentations</i>	
13:50-13:55	Tools, procedures and mechanisms for public participation in Georgia	Ms Nino Gokhelashvili (Georgia)

13:55-14:00	Challenges regarding tools, procedures and mechanisms for public participation used by NGOs	Mr. Ilya Trombitsky (European ECO Forum)
14.00-14.10	<i>Discussion on presentations</i>	
14:10-14:40	<i>Training Session</i> 3 Exercises: Lucca Guidelines – Annex III discussion Sample questions to receive public comments Questions based on case studies (e.g. Asia, Latin America and Europe)	
14.40-14.45	<i>Closing</i>	