

Provisional programme for the session on access to justice in the context LMOs/GMOs

Item VI, Tuesday, 12 December 2023

10.45 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3– 3.45 p.m. (lunch break 1 – 3 p.m.) Geneva time

Facilitator: Ms. Summer Kern, Senior Environmental Lawyer

Rapporteur: Mr. Faustino Gudin, Senior Judge at the Criminal Court of Segovia and Associate Professor of the Alcala University (Madrid)

Aim: Raising awareness of the importance of access to justice and explanation of procedures on access to justice and how they work in practice.

Audience: This training is aimed at the focal points of the Aarhus Convention and of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and different stakeholders. Representatives of courts, judicial training institutions, ministries of justice and other judiciary are encouraged to attend the training at least online.

Sharing experiences

- Presentation by the *secretariat of the Aarhus Convention and the secretariat of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*: introduction to provisions on access to justice of the Aarhus Convention, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Target 22)
- Presentation by Ms. Laura Gornicioiu, Deputy Head of Unit ENV.E4, Environmental rule of law & governance, Directorate-General Environment, European Commission
- Presentation by Ms. Andrea Nakova, European ECO Forum

Training session led by the Facilitator

- Presentation and Q-A/Quiz with regard to experiences on different types of cases: e.g.,
 - (a) Cases to challenge refusal of access to information relevant to LMOs/GMOs
 - (b) Cases to challenge the substantive and procedural legality of any decision, act or omission with regard to decisions on deliberate release of LMOs/GMOs into the environment, placing on the market and contained use
 - (c) Cases to challenge the substantive and procedural legality of plans, policies and programmes
 - (d) Cases to challenge acts and omissions by private persons and public authorities which contravene provisions of its national law relevant to LMOs/GMOs
- Main take aways
