

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

BIOSAFETY ORGANIZATION (ORG)

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African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)

Name of the organization

African Centre for Biodiversity

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Acronym

ACB

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Detailed information

Type of organization

Non-governmental organization (NGO)

Areas of work

Biotechnology, Biosafety, GMOs, Agricultural chemicals, Seed Sovereignty, Biodiversity, food and feed safety

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CBD Thematic areas

Biosafety and Biotechnology
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Regional area(s) of operations or political/economic group(s)

Africa - Eastern Africa
Africa - Southern Africa
Africa - Western Africa

Organization's profile

The African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), registered in 2004, is a non-profit organisation, based in Johannesburg South Africa. It has a time-honored reputation of pioneering and cutting-edge research and policy analysis, learning and exchange, capacity, movement building, and advocacy, to catalyse collective action aimed at influencing decision-making and resourcing towards food sovereignty and agroecology in Africa. It provides authoritative, credible, relevant and current information, research, advocacy, policy analysis and capacity building on issues pertaining to GMOs and associated agricultural chemicals, biosafety and new technologies, seed sovereignty, and limiting corporate expansion.

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Additional Information

The ACB is active in playing an effective role in protecting Africa's biodiversity, traditional knowledge, food production systems, culture and diversity, from the threats posed by genetic engineering and biopiracy.

The African Centre for Biosafety aspires to contribute towards the building of a vibrant, mature, capacitated social movement in Africa to:

(a) protect Africa's biodiversity, traditional knowledge, food production systems, culture and diversity from the threats and risks posed by genetic engineering and biopiracy.

(b) to work with a range of partners on the African continent and elsewhere towards social justice, equity, food sovereignty, and'

(c) the empowerment of society to make informed choices about how resources are to be used, managed and conserved by focussing principally on the promotion of biosafety: a holistic approach to the assessment and regulation of GM and GMOs, based on the precautionary principle.

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Further Information

Questions about the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety or the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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