

WORKSHOP AGREEMENTS

“ASFARNET Workshop on Agricultural Biotechnology Promotion and Exchange” was conducted at Hotel Salak, Bogor, Indonesia from November 28 to December 1, 2004. The participants were chairpersons of farmer organizations, representatives of farmers from certain provinces, academe, government offices and non-government offices (NGOs).

Herewith, are agreements of the workshop:

- I. Seeds derived from biotechnology and genetic engineering
 - Accepts that the seeds derived from biotechnology and genetic engineering are safe for human consumption
 - Encourages the government to allow the use of seeds derived from biotechnology and genetic engineering (GE)
 - Hopes that all the participants will help inform the public on how to use seeds derived from biotech and GE through scientific activities
 - Encourage seed producers to maintain good quality of the biotech/GE seeds and to be penalized if they do otherwise
 - Encourage collaboration between farmers and private companies for mutual benefit
- II. Strategies to develop networking of farmers
 - Form farmer networks in the regions (provincial, district, municipality)
 - Conduct forums for farmer organizations
- III. Planning for development of ASFARNET
 - Educate farmers about ASFARNET;
 - Form organizational structure in regions (provincial, district, municipality);
 - Develop ASFARNET web site
- IV. Other Collaborations
 - Collaborate with research centers (academic)
 - Conduct truthful and honest research
 - Share information between ASFARNET and research centers
 - Information and technology transfer to farmers based on farmers' needs
 - Collaborate with the industry sector
 - Collaborate in agribusiness (farmers thru consumers)
 - Collaborate with NGOs
 - Advocacy
 - NGOs to provide farmer access to biotechnology information
 - Collaborate with government agencies
 - Push government to make policies beneficial to farmers.
 - Collaborate with farmer organizations
 - Information sharing among farmers

This agreement signed on 30 November 2004 at Hotel Salak, Bogor, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

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