The potential of agribiotechnology to contribute to sustainable agriculture depends on R&D and the integration of other factors such as effective communication, science-based national regulatory frameworks, and an adequate understanding of international legal instruments. Strong collaboration among scientists, regulators, policymakers and lawyers is important so that science and regulation can co-evolve and society can benefit from modern biotechnology while risks are minimized.

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**SCOPE OF THE TRAINING**

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**FEES**

Participants’ Fees: US$1,000 exclusive of fund transfer service charges.

Inclusive: Accommodation, transport during visits to biotech farms and research institutes, and exclusive access to workshop and training kits (bios, abstracts, PPT presentations, and related references).

Payment methods: Paypal. For other methods, please contact us.

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