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.

The Asian Short Course on Agribiotechnology, Biosafety Regulation, and Communication (ASCA) is a capacity-building initiative of the Malaysian Biotechnology Information Centre (MABIC) and the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications Inc. (ISAAA Inc.) to create a platform for Asian scientists and regulators to be competent in the regulations and policies related to biotechnology. This will enable a strong voice for science-based regulations supporting R&D, commercialization, and trade. It also enables more Asian stakeholders to be trained, given the limited resources in developing countries.

**SCOPE OF THE TRAINING**

1. Conceptual first-hand information from scientists, the development of biotech (genetic modification and genome editing) crops and animals (from the lab to the market).
2. Lecture, discussion, and exercises on environmental and food/feed safety assessment of biotech products.
3. Innovations in agriculture biotechnology, benefits and impact on trade and economy.
4. Biosafety regulations, bioethical considerations, and stewardship.
5. Strategic communication methods (in quad media) including risk communication.

**REGISTRATION**