



# Regulation of Gene Drive Mosquitos- International and National Framewords

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## Why is governance critical?

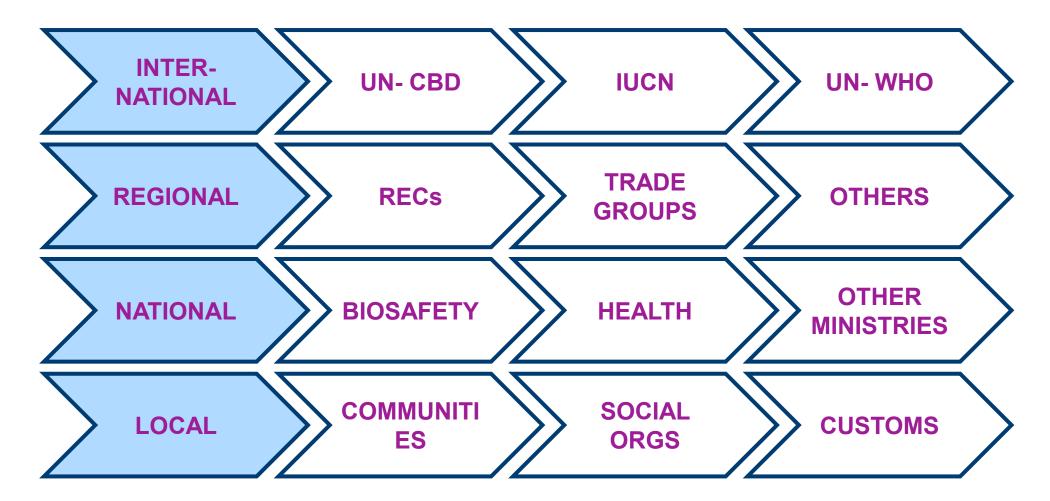
- At all levels- local, national, regional, and international
- Transparency
- Clearly defined requirements
- Level field
- Safe and effective development
- Bring new tools to market







### **GOVERNANCE**





## Multiple levels of oversight







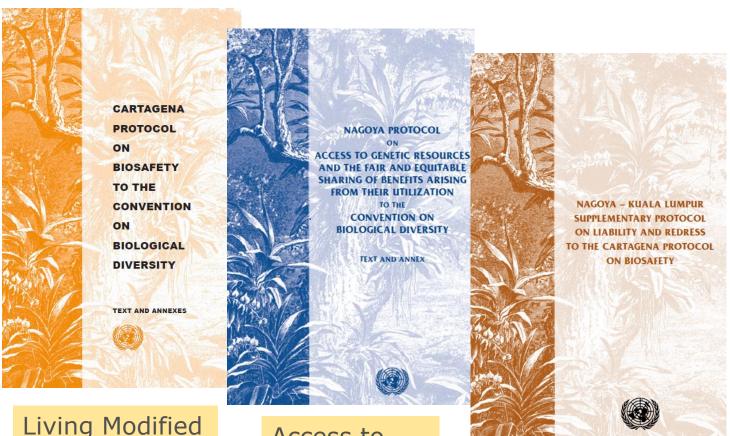
### **GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**

INTER-**UN-CBD UN-WHO IUCN NATIONAL UN GENERAL** ASSEMBLY (no=194) **World Health UN Environment** PARTY/ **Organization (WHO) Programme (UNEP) MEMBER CBD (196) GMP CP (173) NTD NP (142) PQT-VC NKL (55)** 





## International Consideration- UN Conventions



Living Modified Organism resulting from modern biotechnology

Access to genetic resources and sharing of benefits

Liability and redress related to LMO impacts

## Living Modified Organism

- Safe transfer
- Handling
- Use



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Adverse effect on conservation

AND

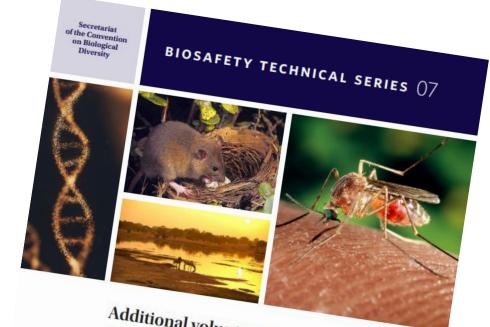
Sustainable use of biodiversity





## **UN CBD- Guidance**

- **Section 1-** Objective and scope from previous COPs Decision 9/13 and 10/10
- **Section 2-** Introduce EGD-LMOs, Precautionary Approach, Context
- Section 3- Opportunities, risks, concerns on EGD strategies
- **Section 4-** Risk assessment considerations for EGD-LMOs, introduces problem formulation
- **Section 5-** Risk recommendations- acceptability, risk management strategies
- **Section 6-** Monitoring
- Section 7- Issues related to risk assessmentconsideration of benefits, IPLC, FPIC, socioeconomic, cultural and ethical considerations, transboundary movement, public participation
- **Annex-** Modelling, uncertainty, WHO guidance, mosquito vectors, current EGDO landscape, EGD systems



Additional voluntary guidance materials to support case-by-case risk assessments of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives







## **UN CBD-CP MOP 11 Decision**

### **CP-11/7 Risk assessment and risk management**

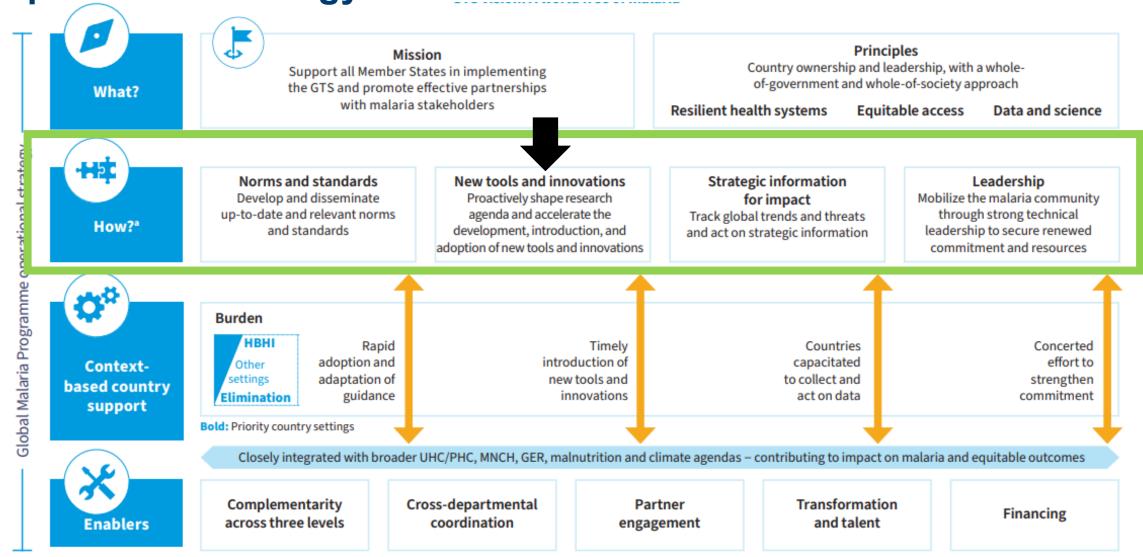
Taking note of the assessment by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment of additional issues on which guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed,<sup>4</sup>

- 1. Welcomes with appreciation the outcomes of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment;<sup>5</sup>
- 2. Welcomes the additional voluntary guidance materials to support the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives;<sup>6</sup>
- 3. Invites Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant organizations and stakeholders to make use of the additional voluntary guidance materials in conducting relevant risk assessments and as a tool for capacitybuilding activities in risk assessment;
- 4. Calls for the consideration of the related issues set out in the additional voluntary guidance materials<sup>7</sup>, including traditional knowledge, innovation and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, in the decision-making process;



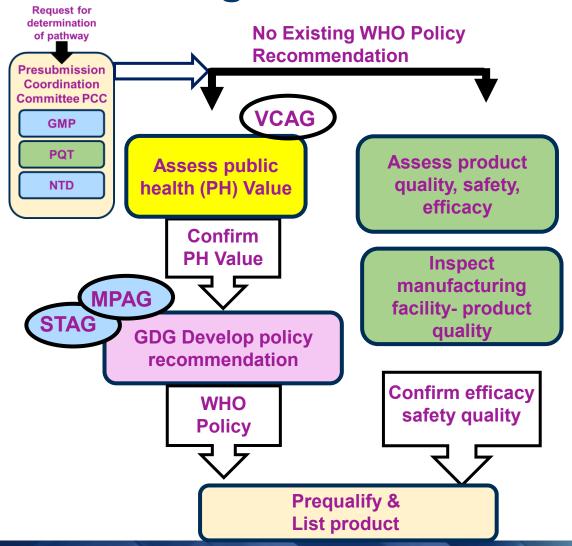


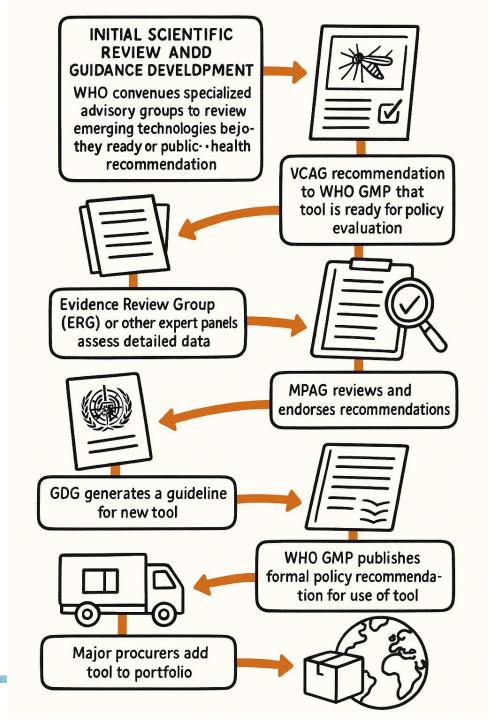
## World Health Organization- Global Malaria Program Operational strategy 2024-2030





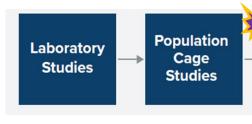
## **International- World Health Organization**





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Small-scale Isolated Releases

Small-scale Open Releases Large-scale Open Releases

Containment

Regulation Oversight





## Regional Consideration-IVM

**REGIONAL** 

**RECs** 

TRADE GROUPS

**OTHERS** 

AUDA-NEPAD

Guidelines for Importation, Exportation, Handling, Labelling and Storage of Genetically Modified Mosquitoes

est Africa Integrated Vector Management Programme

#### African Union Development Agency-NFPAD

- IVM platform with a regional focus in Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) - WA IVM platform
- WAHO Secretariat
- Biosafety guidelines and capacity strengthening
- IBC training
- Risk Assessment of LMOs
- Dossier evaluations
- Streamlining processes
- Ethics





Guidelines for Containment Facilities for Testing of Genetically Modified Mosquitoes

West Africa Integrated Vector Management Programme





Guidelines for Risk Analysis for the Testing and Deployment of Genetically Modified Mosquitoes

West Africa Integrated Vector Management Programme

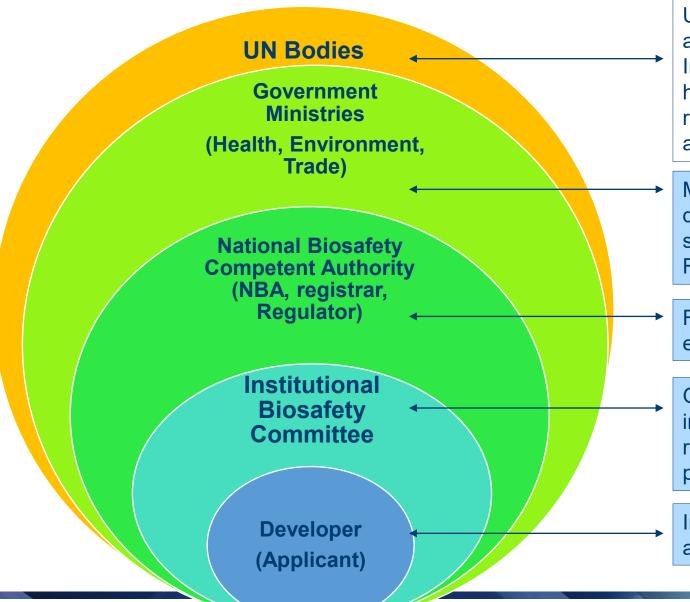








## **National Consideration**



United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), as implemented through the Cartagena (CPB) International agreements that aim to ensure safe handling, transport, and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on biodiversity and risks to human health.

Ministry (ies): Federal government entity **r**esponsible for developing laws and policies, exercises authority and supervisory capacity of the Competent Biosafety Regulatory Authority (NBA)

Federal regulatory agency authorizes applications and ensures responsible trial conduct as per parent Ministry

Group chartered by a research institution responsible for implementing policies and guidelines. Ensures safety of researchers, laboratory workers, research subjects, the public and the environment.

Individual or institution -Seeks authorization to develop and test EGDM





**MULTILATERAL AGENCIES** TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS AND PROGRAMS (SUCH AS CBD, WTO, WOAH/OIE) (SUCH AS UN-WHO, UNEP, UN-FAO, OIE) REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (SUCH AS NATIONAL BIOSAFETY AUTHORITY, NATIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEES) **ECONOMIC AND** POLITICAL ALLIANCES TRADE ALLIANCES (SUCH AS AU, EU) (SUCH AS RECS) LOCAL, PROVINCIAL, & TERRITORIAL GOVERNING BODIES CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS MINISTRIES (SUCH AS HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND GOVERNING BODIES (SUCH AS PARLIAMENTS) COMMUNITIES TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURE) INSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES (BIOSAFETY, ETHICS) DATA SAFETY MONITORING BOARDS LOCAL **NATIONAL** MULTINATIONAL **HEALTH AGENCIES** (SUCH AS AFRO, **FUNDERS** UN-PAHO) **GLOBAL GOVERNMENTAL** AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL UNIONS (SUCH AS UN, IUCN) **REGIONAL** 

## WHO WE ARE





Listen & Convene & Aggregate & Share and Advise Advise

Partner with stakeholders







Phase 1

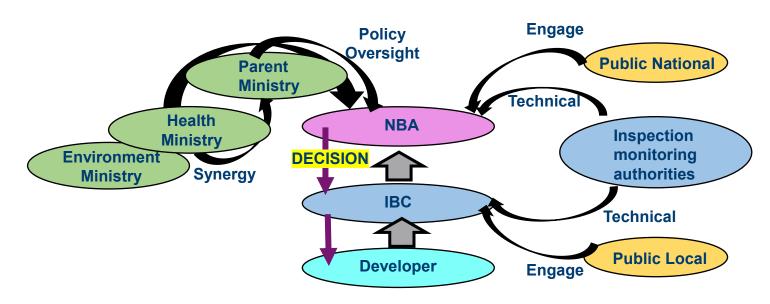
Phase 2a/b

Phase 3

Phase 4

#### **BIOSAFETY**

- Engage IBC
- Import permit
- Inspection of facility, validation of containment
- Dossier for proposed work
- Monitoring plan (for EGDO)
- Detection method (validated)
- Remediation options/ plan
- Environmental Risk Assessment-ERA
- Stakeholder engagement
- Research permit and terms
- Public engagement







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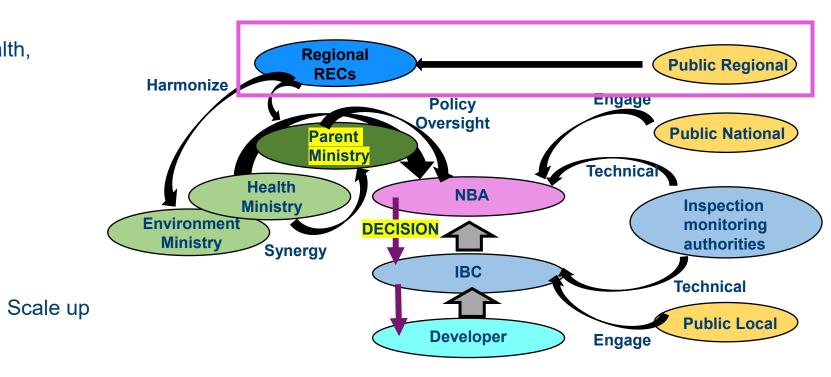
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Phase 4

#### **EFFICACY** (entomological)

- Engage IBCs, NBAs
- Multiple ministries- Environment, Health, Biocontrol
- Facility Inspection- Quality Stds.
- Dossier for proposed work
- Monitoring plan (for EGDO & Environment)
- Remediation options/ plan; recall
- Environmental Risk Assessment
- ESHIA
- Stakeholder engagement
- Research permit and terms
- Public engagement/ communication
- Transboundary effects- Regional







Phase 1

Phase 2a/b

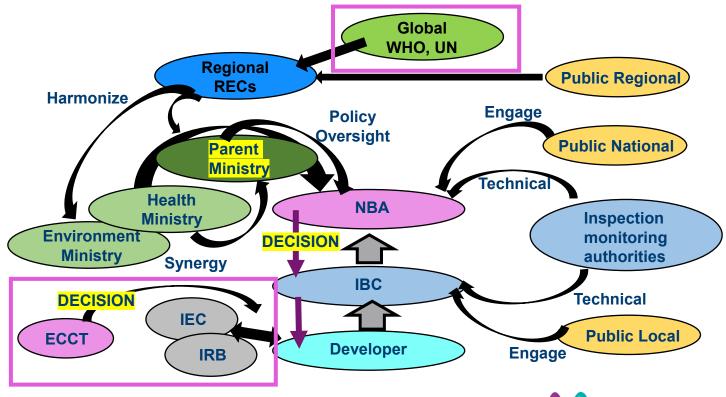
Phase 3

Phase 4

#### **EFFICACY** (epidemiological)

- Engage IEC, IRB, ECCT, DSMB
- Health ministry- national, regional
- Facility Inspection- GCP, GMP
- Clinical trial design, registration
- Monitoring plan (for EGDO, Environment, Public Health)
- Remediation options/ plan, standard of care
- Environmental Risk Assessment, ESHIA
- Stakeholder engagement, Consent
- Trial terms

- Scale up
- Public engagement/ communication
- Transboundary effects, liability- Regional
- WHO, REC-MRH
- TPP, Cost analysis







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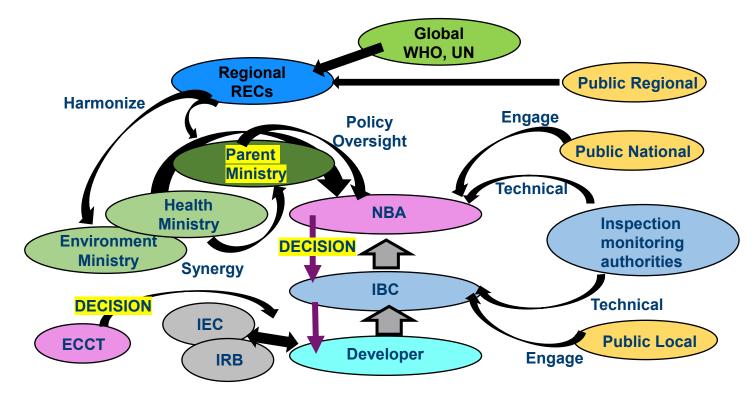
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Phase 3

Phase 4

#### **Post-market Performance & Monitoring**

- Monitoring plan (for EGDO, Environment, Public Health)
- Surveillance for AEs
- Remediation options/ plan, standard of care
- Stakeholder engagement
- Public engagement/ communication
- Transboundary effects, liability- Regional
- WHO, REC-MRH-Product registration
- Follow-on product interaction







## **EGDO Development**

Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3 Stage 4 **Identify Needs** Begin Research Plan for Introduce & Development & Scale & Design Introduction Define problems & Evaluate market feasib. Develop & execute Monitor execution & potential for scale operational launch plan design requirements and optimize Phase 4 Problem Discovery Market Phase Regis-Uptake Phase 3 Launch definition & Design Pre-Phase 1 2a/b tration matures vision clinical

GMM (WHO)







## **IMPORTANT TERMS**

- > LAWS (basis; Act, Bill, Law)
  - rules or code of action that are binding and enforced by a controlling authority
- > REGULATIONS (implementation; order, decree, rule, regulation, ordinance)
  - legal interpretation of enacted legislation
  - Translates law into action
- ➤ POLICY & GUIDANCE (non-binding; guidelines)
  - More detailed information on requirements that allow regulations to be met





