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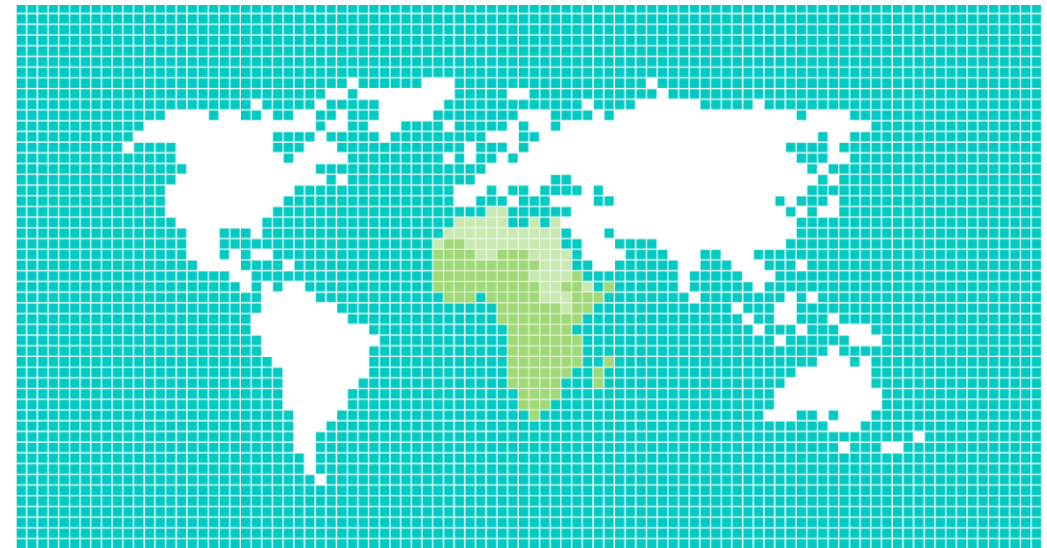
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Third International Workshop on Harmonisation of GMO detection and analysis for African countries

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Tuesday 2 October 2018

JRC Visitors Centre (bldg 46)

- 8:30 Arrival at the JRC - Participants' registration
- 9:00 Welcome and opening (Elke Anklam)
Presentation of the JRC and Directorate F
- 9:30 Framing the Workshop: Format & Agenda (Maddalena Querci)
Introduction of participants
- 9:45 **Session 1: Update - from the EU/JRC**
- Update on the 'Global Harmonisation of GMO Analysis Support to Regional Networking' Project (Maddalena Querci)
 - Opportunities for capacity building in GMO Analysis - ICGEB Biosafety Group Activities (Wendy Craig)
- 11:00 [Coffee break](#)
- 11:20 **Session 1: Update - from the region**
- Update from Southern Africa (Chris Viljoen)
 - Update from West Africa (Ousmane Koita)
 - Update from Central Africa (Roger Djoulde Darman)
 - Update from East Africa (Joyce Nawire Malinga)
- 12:30 [Guided Tour & LUNCH](#)
- 14:00 **Session 2: Technical session**
- Selected technical topics of interest
- GMO detection: analytical flow & critical points (Francesco Gatto)
 - GMO method verification & performance criteria (Francesco Gatto)
 - The JRC GMOMatrix and the JRC online tools – an update (Alexandre Angers)
- 15:45 [Coffee break](#)
- 16:15 **Session 2 - continuation & additional activities**
- Visit to the EURL GMFF QR practical exercise with JRC GMOMatrix
- 17:30 **End of day 1**
- 20:00 [WORKSHOP WORKING DINNER at Hotel Belvedere](#)

Wednesday 3 October 2018

JRC Visitors Centre (bldg 46) & JRC Auditorium (bldg 58C)

- 8:30 Arrival at the JRC
- 9:00 **Session 3: Regional meeting**
- Sub-regional meetings and discussion on
- Development of training needs in the region (short/medium term)
 - Regional and sub-regional networking & collaboration opportunities
 - Organization of regional workshops/trainings & Funding
- 10:00 **Session 3: Reporting from regional meetings**
- 10:45 [Coffee break](#)
- 11:15 **Session 3: Conclusions and next steps**
- Summary of the conclusions from the different sessions.
 - Identification of the next steps and follow-up activities
- 12:30 **LUNCH**
- 14:00 **Session 4: Participation to 29th ENGL Plenary Meeting**
- Challenges in implementing national biosafety frameworks in countries from Eastern Europe and Central Asia: experiences and outcomes from FAO projects (Nevena Alexandrova, FAO, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia)
 - Overview of GMO activities in Azerbaijan and Central Asia (M. Abbasov, Genetic Resources Institute of ANAS, Baku, Azerbaijan)
- 15:30 [Coffee break](#)
- 16:00 **Session 4: continuation**
- Update from South Africa GMO Network (Christopher Viljoen, GMO Testing Facility, University of the Free State, Republic of South Africa)
 - Regulatory aspects of genome edited organisms in non-EU countries (L. Grohmann, BVL, DE)
- 17:30 **End of the workshop**
- 19:30 [WORKSHOP CLOSING DINNER with ENGL at Hotel Europa](#)