

Format and Agenda For North African Regional webinar for Policy Makers and Public groups.

Target Audience: Policy makers and Public group.

POLICY MAKERS & PUBLIC | STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FORUM | GENE EDITING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE | 14TH JUNE
2022 2pm – 4pm (CET)
3pm-5pm (EAT)

Time	Sessions	Facilitators	Presenters
13:45	Virtual Room is accessible		
	Welcome by the session moderator	Prof. Habiba Bouhamed-Chaabouni University Tunis El Manar- Tunisian Academy of Science	
14:00-14:10	Agenda for the day and introductions		
	Plenary session	Prof. Habiba Bouhamed-Chaabouni	
14:10 – 14:25	Opening session NASAC Africa Harvest CropLife International	NASAC Africa Harvest CropLife International	
14:25 – 14:45	Keynote address: The role of Policy makers and the public in progressing gene editing for sustainable agriculture in Africa. Technology and adaptation of Tunisian agriculture to climate change	Prof. Hichem Ben Salem, Researcher and General Director, Institution for Research and Agriculture "IRESA"	
	Panel Discussion	Prof. Habiba Bouhamed-Chaabouni Prof. Amel Ben Ammar-El Gaied	
14:45 – 15:25	How can policymakers and the public be better engaged to contribute to gene editing technology adoption and acceptance? 1-Gene editing, bacterial case. 2-Gene editing, plant case. 3-National Gene Bank of Tunisia (BNG) protects plants and animals genes 4-Seed priming and seedlings pre-treatment: a promising approach to improve plant tolerance to abiotic constraints	Panelists Prof. Slim Tounsi Researcher, General Director at Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax "CBS". Prof. Researcher & Head Laboratory of Biotechnology and Plant Improvement CBS. Prof. Ramzi Chaabane Researcher and General Director of the "BNG". Prof. Chedly Abdelly Researcher and General Director at the National Agency for Promotion of Scientific Research "ANPR".	

15:25 – 15:55	<p>Open discussion and Q&A session</p> <p>Discussion: Challenges and opportunities for gene editing and genetic engineering in Africa: policy influences, lessons from other countries, and other pertinent issues</p> <p>Question for Feedback 1: What are the implications of converging and/or diverging plant biotechnology policies in the African countries?</p> <p>Question for Feedback 2: What are some of the myths and misinformation on gene editing technology that policymakers and the public must tackle as a priority?</p> <p>Question for Feedback 3: How can other sectors benefit from the input of policymakers and the public in gene editing technology?</p> <p>Discussion: Public participation in differentiating plant breeding techniques and their benefits to society: Appreciating citizen science</p> <p>Question for Feedback 4: How can the public be better informed about gene editing technology demonstrating its clear value-addition & utility?</p>	All participants
Summary Closing		
15:55 – 16:10	Summary of webinar deliberations.	Prof. Habiba Bouhamed-Chaabouni
16:10 – 16:15	Closing remarks.	Africa Harvest/ NASAC