

# APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology

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## Policy Dialogue – Goals

- Enable interested APEC economies to realize the benefits of agricultural biotechnology
- Promote discussions and exchange information
  - Agricultural biotechnology policies and standards
  - Intellectual property rights and technology transfer
  - Economic and human resource investment
  - Agricultural biotechnology policy development, implementation and communication

## Policy Dialogue – History

- February 2002 – Mexico City, Mexico
- February 2003 – Chiang Rai, Thailand
- March 2004 – Santiago, Chile
- March 2005 – Seoul, Korea

## 2005 Policy Dialogue

- Attended by 17 of the 21 APEC economies
  - Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, the United States, & Vietnam
- Official Dialogue Session
- Private Sector Day

## Agenda Topics at 4<sup>th</sup> Policy Dialogue Meeting in Seoul

- Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer
- IPEG and RDEAB presentations

## 4<sup>th</sup> Policy Dialogue outcomes

- Final Report & Recommendations endorsed by the Senior Officials
  - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
  - Biosafety Policy Options Workshop
- Recognition by the Ministers Responsible for Trade
  - Intragovernmental dialogue
  - Cost implications of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

## Public Policy Development Activities

- Farmer-to-Farmer activities
- Follow-up to the Biotechnology Investment Seminar – Malaysia, December 2004
  - Biotechnology Investment Toolbox
- Biosafety Policy Options Conference
  - Manila, Philippines, January 2006

## 5<sup>th</sup> Policy Dialogue Meeting- Vietnam

- 25-27 February, 2006 - Hanoi, Vietnam
- Agenda topics & issues to be addressed
  - Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
  - Biotechnology policy development, implementation & communication
  - Reports
    - Biosafety Policy Options Conference
    - Biotechnology Investment Toolbox
  - Workplan
    - Review of 2004-2006 Workplan
    - Begin work on 2007-2009 Workplan
- Invitation for RDEAB presentation