

**5<sup>TH</sup> ASSELLAU SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ON  
LEGAL AND POLICY MEASURES ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS IN  
AFRICA  
&  
REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON FIFTH MONTEVIDEO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW  
PROGRAMME  
AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>- 23<sup>RD</sup>, NAIROBI  
PROGRAMME**

DAY 1 – 20 August 2023 Arrival of Participants		
DAY 2 – 21 August 2023		
SESSION 1 - OPENING AND KEYNOTE		
Time	Description	Responsible
8.30- 9.00 am	Registration	ASSELLAU Secretariat
9 10:30am	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions</li> <li>2. Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ASSELLAU</b> Prof Collins Odote</li> <li>• <b>University of Nairobi</b> Prof. Winifred Kamau Dean, Faculty of Law</li> <li>• <b>United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</b></li> <li>• <b>Alliance for Science</b> Dr. Sheila Ochugboju</li> <li>• <b>University of Nairobi</b> Ag. Vice Chancellor Prof. Julius Ogeng'o, <i>Welcome and Official Opening</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Prof. Collins Odote
	<p><b>Keynote Address:</b> <i>Law, Science and Technology Interface: Implications for Sustainable Food systems in Africa</i></p> <p><b>Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote</b> Director, Law Division, UNEP</p>	
<b>10:30- 11am</b>	<b>Group Photo HEALTH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
SESSION 2: ROLE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IN ADDRESSING TRIPLE PLANETARY CRISIS		

11am- 1pm	<p>a) <i>Assessing multidisciplinary nature of environmental law in addressing environmental challenges</i> <b>Prof Emmanuel Kasimbazi,</b></p> <p>b) <i>Scientific/biotechnology solutions to the triple planetary crisis</i> <b>Prof. George Abong</b></p> <p>c) <i>Role of scientific bodies (IPCC, IPBES, SPP)</i> <b>Prof Oliver Ruppel, University of Stellenbosch</b></p>	
<b>1 – 2pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b>SESSION 3: REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MONTEVIDEO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAMME</b>		
2-5pm	<p>a) Addressing the Triple Planetary Crisis through Law: Interventions and Priorities of the Montevideo Programme in Africa and collaboration between member states and academics</p> <p>b) Group discussions</p> <p>c) Plenary</p>	Renee Gift, UNEP
<b>5pm</b>	<b>TEA BREAK AND END OF DAY 2</b>	

<b>DAY 3 – 22 August 2023</b>		
<b>SESSION 4: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY IN NATIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS AND DEVELOPMENT</b>		
9 - 11:00am	<p><b>Theme:</b> Towards Sustainable Foods Systems in Africa: The Place of Technology and Innovations: Keynote Framing Presentation</p> <p><b>Mr. Hamisi Williams - FAO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of biotechnology for national development: a global overview</li> </ul> <p><b>Prof. Idah Sithole Niang</b></p> <p>Overview of National Biosafety Frameworks in Africa: Design, Performance and Challenges</p> <p><b>Rachel Shibalira</b></p>	
11:00-11:30am	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
<b>SESSION 5: LEGAL FRAMEWORKS ON GMOs</b>		
11:30-1.00 pm -	<p>International and Regional Frameworks on GMOs: Highlights, Gaps and Lessons</p> <p><b>Dr Peter Munyi, Nairobi</b></p>	
<b>1-2pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
2-4.30pm	<p>Law and policies on GMOs: country approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National development approach to biotechnology and food systems</li> <li>• Domestication of global treaties, rules on biotechnology: status and impact</li> <li>• Law, policy and practice on GMOs</li> <li>• Assessment of other forms of biotechnology law, policy and practice and impact on national food systems</li> <li>• Intersection between biotechnology and environmental law in regulatory space</li> <li>• Presentation to be made by each ASSELLAU country representative, including a draft paper.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Departure to the University of Nairobi Main Campus</b>	
5-7pm	<p><b>COCKTAIL RECEPTION &amp; BOOK LAUNCH</b></p> <p><b>University of Nairobi – Main Campus</b></p> <p>Kameri-Mbote, P.; Kibugi, R.; Kabira, N., eds. 2023. <i>Environmental Governance in Kenya: Implementing the Constitutional Framework</i>. University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law.</p>	

	<b>DAY 4 – 23 AUGUST 2023</b>	
8:30 – 10:30am	Law and policies on GMOs: country approaches, continued.	
<b>10:30-11am</b>	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
<b>SESSION SIX: INNOVATIVE OPTIONS FOR ADDRESSING GMOs in Africa</b>		
11 -Noon	<p>Group discussion: Innovative Options for Addressing GMOs in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Balancing Health and Environment Imperatives</li> <li>b) Lessons from Other Countries</li> <li>c) Linking Science and Policy in Regulatory design.</li> <li>d) Proposals by member States and academics on support to implement Montevideo.</li> <li>e) ASSELLAU Nairobi 2023 Declaration drafting</li> </ul>	
12-1pm	<b>Plenary Discussion</b>	
<b>1-2pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b>SESSION 7; ASSELLAU ASSEMBLY</b>		
2-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) ASSELLAU: The past, present and future ambitions <b>Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote, President Emeritus, ASSELLAU</b></li> <li>(b) Comparative lessons from other regional associations <b>Prof. Riyad Fakhri Vice President - Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in Middle East and North African Universities (ASSELLMU)</b></li> <li>(c) ASSELLAU membership and leadership, updates on the present, and future. <b>Prof Collins Odote, President, ASSELLAU</b></li> <li>(d) ASSELLAU Biennial Programme of work <b>Prof Collins Odote</b></li> <li>(e) ASSELLAU Nairobi 2023 Declaration</li> </ul>	
<b>5pm</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS END OF CONFERENCE</b>	

