

Fourth Meeting of the Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI)

The key objective of the GLI is to foster collaborative work to develop practical approaches designed to facilitate the management of LLP globally and the international trade of agriculture commodities. The GLI emphasizes senior level information exchange on trade risks posed by LLP and collaboration on exploring solutions to LLP. This has resulted in the GLI undertaking work on various discussion papers and statements, including exploring opportunities to reduce asynchronous approvals and identifying considerations for LLP thresholds. The GLI does not impose commitments to reach binding policy agreements.

Objectives for the 4th GLI meeting:

- Strive to endorse the following documents: (1) the Rules of Procedure of the GLI, (2) the GLI Statement on Asynchronous Authorizations, and (3) the GLI Statement on Data Transparency;
- Continue and advance the dialogue on threshold considerations;
- Develop and agree on an ambitious updated International Workplan on LLP; and,
- Facilitate a comprehensive and informed discussion on LLP policy approaches and models.

Provisional meeting agenda:

<i>February 18, 2016 First Day Session</i>	
Government-industry session (10:00—11:15)	
Opening Session	5 minutes
Welcoming remarks by co-chairs and roundtable introductions (Mexico and Canada)	10 minutes
Review of the objective of the meeting and information on logistical details (Mexico and Canada)	5 minutes
Update of international activities (TBD)	10 minutes
Government-only: Roundtable on countries update on LLP approaches and experience (all participants)	45 minutes
<i>Coffee Break (11:15—11:30)</i>	
Government only session (11:30—13:00)	
Government-only: Roundtable (con't)	40 minutes
Rules of Procedure – final review and endorsement (Canada)	10 minutes
Review of GLI Membership Expansion document (Australia)	10 minutes
Review of the GLI Statement on Asynchronous Authorizations—final review and endorsement (U.S.)	10 minutes
Review of the GLI Statement on Transparency of Data—final review and endorsement (U.S.)	10 minutes
Update on Biotechnology provisions in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (Canada)	10 minutes
<i>Lunch time (13:00 -14:30)</i>	
Government-industry session (14:30—16:35)	
Presentation by industry on stewardship process for launching new GM products (Dow Agrosiences): Discussion	45 minutes
Presentation by industry on LLP policy work: Global Alliance for Ag Biotech Trade	40 minutes
Presentation on the development of LLP approaches and considerations (Canada)	40 minutes
<i>Coffee Break (16:35-16:50)</i>	
Government only session (16:50—17:30)	
Presentation of “Threshold Considerations” GLI Outline document (Canada) Review and discussion on next steps	40 minutes
<i>Adjourn (17:30)</i>	
<i>Reception (17:30 -20:00) (TBC)</i>	

February 19, 2016 Second Day Session	
Government-industry session (9:30—11:00)	
Recap of Day 1 (Mexico and Canada)	15 minutes
LLP thresholds:	75 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Dr. Kalaitzandonakes (<i>MSMC Endowed Professor of Agribusiness Strategy, University of Missouri; Director, Economics and Management of Agrobiotechnology Center</i>) on economic implications of alternative LLP policies and thresholds • Industry perspective on LLP threshold setting and implementation • Discussion 	
Coffee Break (11:00-11:30)	
Government only session (11:30—13:00)	
Break-out group discussions on key elements of LLP approaches:	90 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLP thresholds and LLP Safety Assessment 	
Lunch time (13:00 - 14:15)	
Government only session (14:15—15:15)	
Reports from Break-out groups:	60 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	
Coffee Break (15:15 -15:45)	
Members only session (15:45—16:45)	
Review and update of International Workplan on LLP:	60 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and agreement on new topics and work activities 	
Review and adoption of the record of decision of the GLI meeting	
Government-industry session (16:45—17:45)	
Government officials and industry representatives exchange views on future collaborative work	40 minutes
Closing remarks by Mexico and Canada	20 minutes
Closure of the 4th GLI meeting	