WHY IS BIOTECH SO IMPORTANT TO AFRICA?

Food and agricultural biotechnology offers Africa new tools to address food insecurity, poverty and hunger.

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WHAT SERVICES DOES AFRICABIO PROVIDE?

AfricaBio provides a platform that brings together in one forum all groups active in the food chain to debate the issues surrounding biotechnology. It provides :

- Accurate information to consumers, media and decision-makers.
- A strong voice for interacting with government and stakeholders on biotechnological issues affecting its members. In particular, to ensure that unjustified trade barriers are not established which restrict its members.
- Information to its members on national and international legislation and issues relating to biotechnology, covering a broad spectrum of news and views.
- An Association that will interact, on behalf of its members, with international biotechnology organisations.
- A platform to facilitate the identification and development of new biotechnological products and services in Africa.

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS OF AFRICABIO TO DATE

- Secured wide support from a spectrum of stakeholders.
- Recruited over 70 members.
- Wide media coverage (printed media, radio, TV).
- Proactive communication strategy developed for the year 2000.
- Interacted with government departments on biotechnological issues.
- Lobbied for the implementation of the South African GMO Act (implemented 1st December 1999).
- Raised funding for schools and consumer awareness projects.
- Held press conference and inaugural meeting with international guest speakers.
- Established international contacts and networked into Africa.

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