



Regional nanosafety workshops 2015 – experiences so far

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Phase two of regional workshops: 2015

- **Lusaka for African region, in April 2015**
 - 43 participants, 10 countries
- **Bogota for Latin American and Caribbean region, in June 2015.**
 - 28 participants from 11 countries

Cooperating with local partners, OECD and the Government of Switzerland

- **To build capacity for the Sound Management of Nanomaterials.**
- **Awareness raising on nano technology**
 - **Through presentations by different experts and stakeholders**
- **The workshops involve group work and plenary to ensure active engagement of all participants**

African workshop

1. Identification and prioritisation of the major nano needs in the African region;
2. Establishment of a nano network (constituting all present at the workshop);
3. Constitution of a team of eight experts to coordinate the nano network; and
4. Constitution of a team of four experts to develop a concept note on nano.

African workshop

The group agreed on a common outcome text with the following chapters:

1. Champions
2. Identifying the needs of the African region
3. Expertise
4. Policy, regulatory framework, institutional arrangements
5. Infrastructure
6. Actions

The delegates created an African nano working group with participants from Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia.

Latin American and Caribbean workshop

Identified current gaps and needs for the region

1. Need for capacity building in infrastructure, laboratories, human resources, students' training
2. Build capacity among universities and research centres across the region
3. Awareness raising
4. Incorporation of nano into the GHS
5. Commitment to form regional nano networks
6. Seek opportunities to fund nano work through the GEF, and access other facilities
7. Work with industry on safe handling of relevant materials

Latin American and Caribbean workshop

Identified current gaps and needs for the region (cont.)

8. Commitment to share outcomes from regional workshops to raise awareness
 - Greater distribution already in place through UNITAR website and updates to be provided at ICCM4 side event
9. Identify products with nanomaterials in them
10. Create national requirements for the registry of nanomaterials
11. Develop regulations

Thank you

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