

4. Agricultural Input Regulatory Systems

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The objective of the workshop is to improve understanding of the key issues in designing legislation and regulatory systems for fertilizer, seed, and crop protection products (CPPs) that protect the farmer and are also compatible with open markets and do not constrain regional and international trade.

The program is aimed at policymakers and government officials in charge of establishing and implementing agro-input regulatory regimes. Leaders of private sector agro-input trade associations that have an economic interest in these policies and representatives of regional organizations charged with harmonizing such regulations and removing barriers to trade will also benefit from the workshop. The Fertilizer Society of South Africa, the South African National Seed Organization, and Crop Life South Africa will co-sponsor the event.

The program content will include presentations and discussion on: (1) designing appropriate laws and regulations for fertilizer, seed, and CPPs; (2) critical components of legislation in regional and international harmonization efforts; and (3) key factors to consider in system design, implementation, and operation including documentation, staffing, training, and equipment.