

GMO ALERT!

NEW GMO POLICY – National validation proposed for 16 June 2022

Zambia has a new **DRAFT National Policy on GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs)**. The proposed new policy will allow for the **COMPLETE** change in Zambia's position on GMOs.

This policy is scheduled for national validation on Thursday 16 June.

- ➔ If not have not been consulted and your interests and concerns are not respected in the new policy then **SPEAK OUT**. It is your Right.
- ➔ If you do not want GMOs released into Zambia then **SPEAK OUT**.

Sign the Petition -> -> -> <https://forms.gle/iEVeRJGiT4uNBbYx6>

Send your concerns to the **Ministry of Green Economy and Environment**:

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What does this mean?



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Zambia Alliance For Agroecology & Biodiversity

The current GMO Policy of 2003 ensure safety first:

- No release of live GMOs into the environment
- No growing of GM CROPS
- No tampering of LIVING species
- Crops and livestock of STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE are especially protected to ensure national food security (e.g. no GMO Maize)

Zambia's famous 'No GMO status' protects farmer and consumer Rights, protects the agriculture and seed sector, and gives Zambia export market advantage.

The new revised policy shifts from PROTECTION to PROMOTION of GMOs

GMOs have widespread negative health, environmental and economic impacts. GMOs are silver bullet technologies, and in the last 50 years of their development, none have proven to solve the complex problems they promise to. Drought resistance is a result of complex breeding and environmental factors. Malnutrition is the result of poverty and lack of diverse foods. Cancers, diabetes, heart diseases, etc are the result of the industrial and toxic food system, which GMOs are at the heart of!

- ➔ We say NO to GMO!
- ➔ Protect our health
- ➔ Protect our seeds
- ➔ Protect our markets

The Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity does not agree with the revised National BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOSAFETY POLICY AND OUR NATION-WIDE MEMBERS DO NOT AGREE TO ITS VALIDATION.