

Research compliance in environmental and biosafety research ethics: Breaking new ground

Over the last two decades, there was an upsurge of research and innovation in biotechnology and related fields, leading to exciting new discoveries in areas such as the engineering of biological processes, gene editing, stem cell research, CRISPR-Cas9 technology, Synthetic Biology, recombinant DNA, LMOs and GMOs, to mention only a few. At the same time, these advances generated concerns about biosafety, biosecurity and adverse impacts on biodiversity and the environment, leading to the establishment of Research Ethics Committees (RECs) at Higher Education and Research Institutions dedicated to reviewing research with implications for biosafety and the environment. These Biosafety and Environment Research Ethics Committees, referred to as EBRECs, are in the early stages of their establishment and formalisation in South Africa, and there is much uncertainty about their composition, scope, procedures of decision-making and the principles that should guide their deliberations and assessments. Registration will be open on a first-come, first-served basis, so REGISTER NOW!

Who should attend:

Biosafety and Environmental Research Ethics Committee (REC) Chairpersons and Members, Professionals including Research Management Professionals, Administrators, Research Compliance Managers and Advisers, and Research Directors in Southern Africa and beyond are invited to attend this virtual workshop.

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Time: 09:00-12:00 CAT (UTC + 02:00)

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