

# Overcoming Barriers to Trade through Regulatory Harmonization and Related Research on Biopesticides in the SADC Region

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The aim of the PPG is to prepare a project proposal to develop and implement a coordinated regional approach on biopesticides in the SADC region, which would support the inclusion of biopesticides as part of IPM programmes. This is expected to help reduce the reliance on synthetic chemical pesticides, decrease residue levels, and increase SPS compliance and facilitate trade.

Biopesticides are of growing interest to regulatory agencies and the private sector. This PPG is linked to an STDF PPG on biopesticides in Southeast Asia ([STDF/PPG/634](#)) with opportunities to promote cross-regional learning, exchange and collaboration. There are also synergies to ongoing work by Codex and IPPC, as well as the OECD.

The PPG will develop an innovative, regional and coordinated approach based on international standards, existing technical networks and local capacity. Relevant stakeholders from government agencies, research institutions and the private sector will be engaged, as well as STDF partners (FAO) and donors with expertise in this area.

A news item release by International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) is available [here](#).

## **STDF/PPG/694**

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On-going

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### **STDF Contribution (US\$)**

\$41,295

### **Beneficiaries**

SADC member states

### **Implementing Entities**

International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)