

# United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and SEARCA

SEARCA has collaborated with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in projects, forums, seminars, workshops, and roundtable discussions, mostly on biotechnology.

#### **NEW USDA-FUNDED PROJECT**

#### Regional Agriculture Innovation Network (RAIN)

Led by Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development (Winrock)

The project was launched on 21 June 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. It aims to promote 30 climate-smart innovations for adoption by 30,000 Thai farmers of rice, cassava, longan, durian, coconut, and mangosteen to reduce about 76,000 tons of carbon dioxide.

# **KNOWLEDGE EVENTS ON BIOTECHNOLOGY**

SEARCA conducted the following in collaboration with USDA:

#### Forum on Improving the Policy Environment for Biotech Industry Development 14 July 2023

Manila Diamond Hotel, Philippines and Zoom

The hybrid event had more than gathered almost a hundred members of the Philippine judiciary onsite and online.

#### Forum on the Current State and Opportunities for Biotechnology in International Trade and Technology Transfer 30 June 2023 Crop Biotechnology Center, Muñoz,

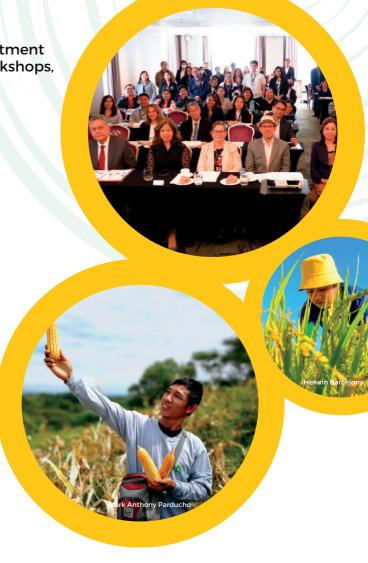
Nueva Ecija, Philippines and Zoom

The hybrid event had more than 500 participants onsite and online from different government agencies, state colleges and universities, and local government units.

# Webinar on Genome-edited Crops: Progress, Potential, and Policies

10 August 2021 | Zoom

The webinar was held for key participants from the Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA) and the Philippine Association of Law Schools (PALS) as part of SEARCA's annual Biotechnology Outreach Program.



#### Better Crops with Genome Editing: Applications, Potential, and Policies 5 August 2021 | Zoom

The event was conducted for the Philippine House of Representatives members to engage Members of Congress to enrich their understanding of biotech crops and biosafety regulations, particularly on genome editing technologies.

**Training-Workshop on Genetically Modified Animals for Philippine Regulators** 24-26 August 2020 | Zoom

#### Seminar on Global Trends in Biotechnology with Focus on Genome Editing and Biotech Regulations

13 September 2019 SEARCA, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines

#### Roundtable Discussion with National Scientists and Academicians from the NAST, CAMP, and UPLB Institute of Plant Breeding, UPLB, Philippines

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#### Forum on the Global State of Biotechnology for Members of the Judiciary

12 September 2019 Diamond Hotel, Manila, Philippines

#### Forum on the Global State of Biotechnology for the House of Representatives

9 September 2019 House of Representatives, Quezon City, Philippines

# Roundtable Discussion on Coexistence

23 September 2015 Manila, Philippines

# **Seminar on Coexistence**

22 September 2015 International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines

#### Farmer-to-Farmer Workshop: Agricultural Biotechnology Outreach and Capacity Building

19-23 September 2011 New World Renaissance Hotel, Makati City, Philippines

# SEARCA AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SERIES (ADSS)

A USDA economist served as a resource speaker in the SEARCA ADSS:

#### Implications of Alternative Biofuel Production in the United States: Benefits and Tradeoffs

by Dr. Mark Gehlgar Senior Economist, Economic Research Services, Market and Trade Economic Division, USDA 14 July 2008 SEARCA, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines

# USDA SPONSORSHIP OF SEARCA STAFF TRAINING

USDA sponsored the participation of a SEARCA research staff in the following course conducted by Kansas State University on campus:

#### Agribusiness Planning and Feasibility Analysis Course

22 June 1992-31 July 1992 Kansas State University, Kansas, USA

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