

Growing confidence in GM crops in Africa

There is a sense of growing confidence in genetically modified crops as 18 million farmers have planted over 175 million hectares of genetically modified crops globally.

This is according to a new report to be launched in Tanzania next Monday by the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (ISAAA). The report indicates that the adoption of genetically modified crops is on rise in Africa.

The report also indicates that globally more than 90 per cent, 16.5 million, farmers who planted genetically crops were smallscale and resource-poor. This represents growing confidence and trust by millions of risk-averse farmers on the benefits of these crops.

“Nearly 100 per cent of farmers who try genetically modified crops continue to plant them year after year,” the report notes.

The statement highlighted substantial developments in Africa last year which included an impressive 50 per cent and 300 per cent increase in genetically modified cotton, respectively in Burkina Faso and Sudan.

Seven additional countries are conducting genetically modified crops field trials as a step for approval for cultivation by farmers.

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