

Kenyan biotech scientists opposed to turning oversight to politicians

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Biotechnology experts have opposed plans to transfer the function of approving field trials for GMO products from the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) to Parliament.

The Kenya University Biotechnology Consortium (KUBICO) said the Natural Resources (Classes of Transactions Subject to Ratification) Bill before the Senate is seeking to usurp the powers of NBA, which is the lead regulatory agency for Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

MPs want to have an input in scrutinising the GMO transactions, to protect the environment, natural resources, and ensure that people make maximum benefit from the resources.

Dr Ochieng who is an agricultural biotechnology researcher at the University of Nairobi said the intention of the Bill as it is, is to scuttle local innovation at the expense of foreign multinational companies.

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