

## Kenya moves closer to legalizing GMO crops with drought-resistant GMO corn trial

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. . . Kenyan officials have . . . moved a big step closer to introducing genetically modified crops into Kenyan fields. Earlier this year, the country's National Biosafety Association approved Monsanto's genetically-modified, drought-resistant corn for field trials that will test whether it is safe and has sufficient nutritional value.

. . . [F]ew things are as important to Kenyans than corn. . . .Kenyans eat more corn than almost any other national population on the continent. . .

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. . . . A [recent study](#) estimated that climate change would make it hard for farmers to continue harvesting corn in nearly a third of maize-producing areas in Sub-Saharan Africa by the end of the century. Proponents of GMO legalization in Kenya say that the technology will improve food security and the economy. . . .

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The Biosafety Association's approval . . . just greenlights testing. But if the trials go well, Kenya could become the fifth African country to legalize GMO crops. That would please Richard Oduor, a senior lecturer at Kenyatta University. . .

Oduor believes that Africans need to be spearheading the push for GMOs in Africa. "Africans need to identify what's good for us, not Monsanto," he told me.

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