

## Namibia establishing first GMO research and testing facility

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) is in the process of establishing a Biotechnology and Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) testing laboratory to facilitate full implementation of Namibia's Biosafety Framework.

The Innovation Hub, formerly the Head office of the Commission is currently undergoing renovations to host these laboratories as well as other national projects....

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"As part of the Commission's very distinct mandate to provide national facilities that could further enhance the promotion of research, science, technology and innovation in the country, the idea of hosting these facilities and projects also ties in well with the commission's strategy on national science technology and innovation infrastructure provision," the office of the Chief Executive Officer at the Commission.

Meanwhile, the first phase of the renovations at the Innovation Hub will mainly establish the Biotechnology and GMO laboratories. These laboratories will provide testing services for GMO's as is required by the Biosafety Act, 2006 (Act no. 7 of 2006).

Biotechnology research facilities through coordinated research efforts, will aim to stimulate the transformation of knowledge to enhance food security through agricultural production, improve livelihoods and helping national entities to expand agricultural growth.

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