

Scientists at Kenya's biosafety conference debunk GMO-cancer link blocking Africa's biotech progress

Despite widespread reports that genetically modified foods (GMOs), cause cancer, no evidence exists to prove this, scientists and researchers have revealed at a conference in Nairobi.

"The term 'GMO' does not tell me much. You have to know which gene has been inserted in order to know if any linkages exist," said Huw D. Jones, a professor at the United Kingdom's Prifysgol Aberystwyth University.

However, Prof Jones also noted that "all commercialized GMOs in the world have been through the most rigorous risk assessment," adding that there is no evidence linking GMOs to cancer.

According to Dorington Ogoyi, the chief executive officer of the National Biosafety Authority, an organization which supervises all activities related to genetically modified organisms in the country, the spike in cancer cases has nothing to do with GMO foods since they are not available in the Kenyan market.

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