



# CIBIOGEM

AND ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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The Commission is made up of the heads of the Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA), Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), Finance and Public Credit, Economy and Public Education, and the General Director of the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT).

The chair of the Commission rotates every two years among the secretaries of Health, SEMARNAT and SAGARPA, the three entities most directly involved in policies concerning the use and biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

The Law on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms states that the Commission aims to promote and coordinate the actions of Government agencies. CIBIOGEM receives support from the Executive Secretariat of CIBIOGEM, the Technical Committee, the Scientific Advisory Board and the Joint Advisory Council.

## What is the purpose of the CIBIOGEM?

To coordinate the policies and federal regulation of activities related to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) such as: production, import, export, mobilization, transportation, release into the environment, consumption, and general use of GMOs and their products.

## What is the Executive Secretariat of the CIBIOGEM?

The Executive Secretariat, headed by the Executive Secretary, implements and follows up CIBIOGEM agreements. In addition, its role is to support the Commission for the operation of the Law on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms and its regulations.

## What is the mission of the Executive Secretariat?

To promote and coordinate the actions of the government ministries of CIBIOGEM and their consultative bodies, in order to generate certainty in society regarding the use and activities related to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and to propose policies and mechanisms that ensure that the products of biotechnology are used in favour of national interests. It also aims to establish mechanisms for public participation and oversees the National Information System on Biosafety.

## Vision of the Executive Secretariat

- To be the leading Mexican institution in biosafety of GMOs.
- To be recognized nationally and internationally for its technical knowledge and social commitment.
- To manage and generate relevant and timely information for decision making.
- To effectively promote research on biosafety.
- To contribute to the harmonious development of the country.

## What are the technical, scientific and social supports of CIBIOGEM?

The CIBIOGEM is supported by groups with the following characteristics:

**Technical Committee:** formed by coordinators, general directors or their equivalent with experience in biotechnology and biosafety of GMOs, from its six ministries and CONACYT. This committee supports the Commission's actions and may propose the creation of special subcommittees in different specific subjects.

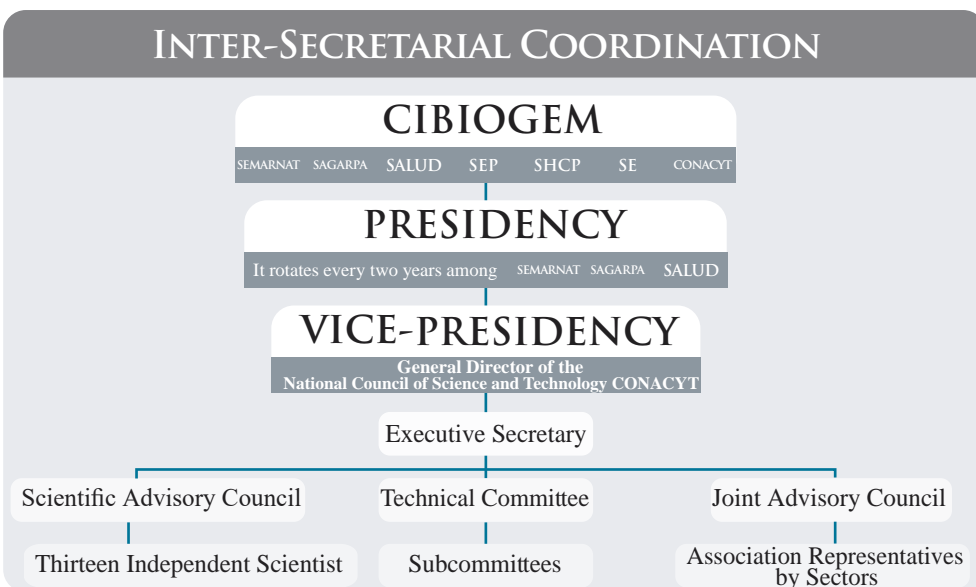
**Scientific Advisory Board:** a technical and scientific council which must be consulted on aspects of modern biotechnology and biosafety of GMOs.

The resulting technical recommendations are considered by CIBIOGEM in decisions that it takes. This group is composed of 13 experts of different disciplines

from, research centers and institutions, scientific societies and universities of recognized standing. They work in a personal capacity, regardless of the institution to which they belong. Among the functions of the Advisory Council is the development of methodologies and technical expert advice. research procedures, analysis and Joint Advisory Council: An auxiliary group for consultation and opinion polls of CIBIOGEM, composed of 15 association representatives, chambers or private, social and productive sectors. Its main objective is to know and comment on social, economic, and other aspects relating to regulatory and promotion policies. Furthermore, their discussion is also focused on the priorities of standardization of administrative procedures, improvement of official procedure and other procedures related to biosafety of GMOs.



In addition to these three technical and advisory groups, CIBIOGEM may establish participatory mechanisms for all sectors (academic, scientific, technological, indigenous communities, social and productive), with experience in issues directly related to Biosafety. All of them are participating by providing opinions, carrying on specific studies, and through consultations, in order to generate knowledge and elements to support public policies and promote research on biotechnology and biosafety.



CIBIOGEM structure and its auxiliary bodies