Biotechnology Statistics and Policy Priorities: Where are the Gaps?

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Structure of the Presentation

- Rosy World of Biotechnology
- Nature of Policy Inputs on Innovation
- Learning from ICT Experience
- Identifying the Policy Objectives
- Recommendations

Rosy World of Biotechnology



Differing Perspectives on Biotechnology in India (2001)

(CII	DBT	The Economist ⁱⁱⁱⁱ
Biotech Market	\$ 2.5 billion ⁱ	\$ 1,849 million	\$ 1,475 Million
Agri/Seed Market	\$ 500 million ⁱⁱ		\$450 million
Bioinformatics Market	\$ 2.2 million ⁱⁱⁱ		
Diagnostic/Vaccine Market	\$. 420 million	\$ 150 million	\$ 375 million
Source : RIS, 2005.			

What Policy Inputs!

- * Statistics: Integrated analysis of policy to analyse impact on regulatory and market-related factors relevant to technological innovation both product and processes.
- * Interest in workforce skills in biotechnology.
- * Socio-economic effects of biotechnology: Overestimated or underestimated.
- * Organizational and economic integration.
- * Impact on farmers, industry and trade.
- * Pace of innovation.

Learning from ICT Experience

Theoretical Framework for Measuring ICT Development

	UNCTAD	Economist (EIU)	Harward	
Index	2002	(2001, 2000)	University	ITU
ltem	ICT		Networked	Intervers
Measured	Diffusion	E-Readiness	Readiness	Access
1.				
Connectivity				
(Physical				
Capacity;				
Infrastructure)				
2. Access				
(Wider				
determinants				
of Access)				
3. Policy				
Environment				
4. Usage				
Additional				

Considerations for Policy Thrusts

Relevance: does the concept measured correspond to the concept required

Timeliness: the period between the time of the observations and the time used, vital to users if timely decisions need to be taken based on estimates.

Accuracy: the deviation between the target value determined by a perfect process (true parameter) and the value determined by the imperfect process (estimate).

Accessibility: whether the user can easily make use of the data.

Comparability: reliable comparison possible over space and time.

Coherence: are different sources based on common definitions, methods.

Completeness: reflect the available statistics all user needs and priorities.

Accessibility / Completeness

Wider Socio-Economic Needs and R&D Priorities

- Economic Advantages and Disadvantages by Crops and by traits
- Innovation and Economic Priorities
- Biotechnology Traits (Economic Cost)
- Productivity Improvement
- Pest Resistance
- Drought Resistance
- Enhancing Shelf Life Value
- Reducing Post Harvest Losses
- Nutritional Improvement
- PPP

Accessibility / Completeness

Considerations for Policy Thrusts

Biotechnology in Developing Countries: Matrix for assessing Technology Direction & Cost of Adoption								
	Biotechnology Traits (Economic Cost)	Productivity Improvement (RPBIDH)	Pest Resistance (RPBIDH)	Drought Resistance (RPBIDH)	Enhancing Shelf Life Value (RPBIDH)	Reducing Post Harvest Losses (RPBIDH)	Nutritional Improvement (RPBIDH)	
Food Grains								
Cereals								
Rice								
Wheat								
Coarse								
cerealsPulses								
Gram								
Non-Foodgrains								
Oilseeds								
Groundnut								
Rapeseed								
Fibers								
Cotton								
Note: Economic Cost c	constitutes RPBIDH.							
R: R & D Allocation; P	P: Patent (IPR) Protection; B: B	iosafety Enforcement;	I: Infrastructure; I	D: Distribution Cos	t; H: Human Resou	rce Development	9	
Source: RIS 2005.								

Cobweb of Policy Directions



Impact Assessment and Public Policy

- Economic Welfare of growers, consumers and others in the supply chain
- Market Conditions
- Government's Own Policies: Econometric analysis and NIS
- Variability of Production Environment
- Impact of IPR regime: Options with Open Licensing.

Harmonizing Governments Policies

Biotechnology Priorities of Different States					
States Areas					
Policy Announcement					
Tax Incentive					
Venture Fund					
Biotech Park					
Path Dependency					
Strengths					
Awareness					
Academic Linkage					
Cluster Policy					
Source: RIS 2005	j 12				

Accuracy

Where do we stand in Economic Studies!!

Melinda et al (2006)

Agricultural biotechnology	3,477!!
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Developing Countries

Coherence

Count of articles assessing the economic impact of genetically engineered crops in developing economies, by research question and country

	Farm	Farm/ Industry	Consumer	Consumer Industry	Industry	Trade	Total
China	13	1	13		1	4	32
India	16				2		18
South Africa	16						16
Others	8	5	6	1	9	17	46
Total	53	6	19	1	12	21	112
Melinda et.al. 2006.							

Methodologies Used and Policy Objectives

- Impact on Farmers
- Impact on Consumers
- Impact on Industry
- Impact on Trade

Farmers: Factors affecting variations in output per hectare (partial productivity)

Input use per hectare (cost saving)

Output per unit of input (efficiency)

Industry: Price elasticity of supply and demand for the crops

Whether exporting country is large or small producer

Nature of innovative changes introduced by the technology

Nature of incentives in a monopoly situation

Trade: Realistic field and regulatory data
Partial equilibrium models that model one or several sectors of the economy in a few countries and on vertical or horizontal linkages.

Comparability

Scenarios, predictions and policy directions





	Economic Approach	Social Policy Focus	
Global	- Redefinition of PPP	- Inc. Global Equity	
Orchestration	- Improving Market	- Public Health	
	Performance	- Global Education	
	- Focus on Public Goods		
Order from	- Regional Trade Blocks	- Security	
Strength	- Mercantilism	-Protection	
0	- Self Sufficiency		
Adapting	- Focus on local development	- Local communities linked	
Mosaic	- Trade rules allow flexibility	to global communities	
	- Local non market rights	- Local Equities	
Techno	- Global reduction of tariff	- Improving individual and	
Garden	boundaries	community expertise	
	- Fairly free movement of	- Policies follow	
	Goods, Capital, People	opportunities	
	- Global markets in ecological		
	property	19 14 A STD	

Future Focus needs to address requirements as follows (Accuracy and Timeliness)

- **Innovation and Enterprise Development** along with SE -Priorities; Stock and Flow of Knowledge; Causal Relation.
- **Impact on Labour**: Skills supply and demand -
- Equity/Poverty: Data on monopolies / consolidation -
- **Agronomic**: Disease Resistance/Sustained High -Growth/Affordability
- **Regulatory Process:** Risk Assessment/Cost of Risk -Assessment/Analysis of regulatory frameworks across countries
- Lastly on indicators for assessing impact on health and environment. 20