

Responsible Use Implementation Committee Overview and Application Instructions

The implementation committee of the Responsible Use initiative will have the responsibility of assimilating information from all stakeholders and writing the principles and guidelines. The committee will be comprised of experts filling the matrix below as completely as possible adhering to the regional and expertise areas targeted:

Country & Expertise	North America	South America	Europe	Africa	Asia
Academia					
Tree Growers / Tree Users					
Public Interest					
Environmental					
Government					
Merit Selected*					
The IFB	Staff				

* Merit selected individuals can be from any area of expertise
- Blue boxes represent individuals that are also Lead Editors

If it is not feasible to find a person from a given region and area of expertise willing to participate on the committee, the IFB will seek representation from another region. If fully filled, there will be a maximum of 31 members on the Committee (30 plus the IFB). There must be a minimum of 20 members for adequately balanced representation.

Committee members will be chosen based on nominations by the IFB and the Forest Biotechnology Partnership to best balance representation on the committee. From this list of up to 30 selected individuals, six will be elected by the committee itself to form a Lead Editor group. This group plus the IFB, for a total of seven editors, will write the principles with extensive input from the entire Implementation Committee. The Lead Editors will have be composed of one individual from each of the areas of expertise and adjust composition over time to achieve maximum effectiveness.

The IFB reserves the right to adjust composition of the Implementation Committee and Lead Editor group at its discretion.

We are soliciting Implementation Committee members to play a central role in the development of the Responsible Use initiative. Please visit the Responsible Use website or contact the IFB for additional information on how to apply.

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Initiative Transparency

The entire process of developing the Responsible Use Guidelines will be as transparent as possible without divulging proprietary information or details that would compromise the process of creating guidelines that benefit the environment and society.

All relevant material will be made available online at www.responsibleuse.org Public comments will be solicited electronically at that website as well during specific periods in the process. Stakeholders will be engaged from the five sectors of academia, tree growers and users, public interest, environmental organizations, and government. The IFB will pursue input from each of these stakeholder groups to ensure a balanced process. A broad spectrum of targeted stakeholders will be heavily engaged from the beginning and surveys will be sent to additional interested parties if it is deemed necessary to get adequately broad input to the guidelines.

Initiative Management

The IFB has primary responsibility for the management of the Responsible Use initiative. Initiative Sponsors and Forest Biotechnology Partners will also play significant roles in the course of this initiative. The Implementation Committee's Lead Author Group and the IFB will create the Responsible Use Guidelines for genetically engineered trees. Input from a broad set of stakeholders and the general public to the Implementation Committee and the IFB will be a strong bottom-up driven process, as depicted below:

