



United States Department of Agriculture

Advisory Committee on Biotechnology & 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) Meeting: December 14-15, 2015

Plenary Meeting

U.S. Access Board Conference Room, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 800,
Washington, DC 20004

Provisional Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- Review AC21 purpose, history, and operational process, and member responsibilities
- Update committee members on regulatory developments and initiatives on biotechnology-derived agricultural products
- Update committee members on USDA activities to support coexistence consistent with AC21 recommendations
- Outline new task for committee deliberations and develop plan for addressing it

Day 1—December 14, 2015

8:30—Coffee Available

9:00-9:30—Welcome, review of agenda, and review of AC21 operations

- Dr. Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official for AC21, USDA
- PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, Chairperson
- Mr. Douglas McKalip, Senior Advisor to the Secretary

9:30-9:50—Updates on biotechnology regulatory developments since last meeting

- Mr. Michael Gregoire, Associate Administrator, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9:50-10:20—New White House initiative to modernize the Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology and other regulatory developments outside USDA

- Dr. Michael Schechtman
- Mr. Douglas McKalip

10:20-10:35--Break

10:35-12:15— Updates on USDA coexistence-related activities since the last AC21 meeting and discussion

- Dr. Michael Schechtman
- Dr. Peter Bretting, National Program Leader, Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- Mr. Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency
- Ms. Betsy Rakola, Organic Policy Advisor
- Dr. Craig Morris, Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service
- Dr. Catherine Greene, Agricultural Economist, Economic Research Service
- Dr. Jack Okamuro, National Program Leader, ARS
- Dr. Shing Kwok, National Program Leader, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Mr. John Englert, National Program Leader, Natural Resources Conservation Service

12:15-1:30—Lunch (on your own)

1:30-2:00—Review of Ethical Requirements and Standards for AC21 Members

2:00–3:00—Announcement of new charge and preliminary discussion

- Mr. Douglas McKalip
- Dr. Michael Schechtman

3:05-3:15—Break

3:15-5:00—Public Comments

5:00—Adjourn for the Day

Day II—December 15, 2015

8:30—Coffee available

9:00-9:10—Welcome and Reflections on Day I

- Hon. Russell Redding, Chair

9:10-10:15—Continuing discussion of committee charge

10:15-10:30—Break

10:30-11:30—Developing a work plan for addressing the charge

11:30-1:00—Lunch

1:00-1:05—Introduction of USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack

- Hon. Russell Redding, Chair

1:05-1:50—Remarks from USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack

1:50-2:00—Break

2:00-3:00—Reflecting on the Secretary's remarks and further discussion of work plan

3:00-3:30—Discussion of next steps and additional information needed

3:30-3:45—Closing Remarks and Adjournment