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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BIRA	Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis
BRM	Biological Risk Management
BXW	Banana Xanthomonas Wilt
CABI	Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience Institute
CAS	Commodity Audit Systems
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CBP	Cameroon Biosecurity Project
Codex	Codex Alimentarius Commission
CPC	Crop Protection Compendium
CPB	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
CSM	Case Specific Monitoring
EU	European Union
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GS	General Surveillance
IAS	Invasive Alien Species
IGB	Inspector General of Biosecurity
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
LMOs	Living Modified Organisms
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cameroon is party to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) which is focused on the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of benefits derived from genetic resources. The Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) has been tasked to ensure that Cameroon is in compliance to the international agreement and adhere to relevant national and regional policies and legislation. To fulfil this, MINEPDED has commissioned capacity building and development of frameworks under a Biosecurity Programme entitled 'Development and institution of a National Monitoring and Control System for Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) and Invasive Alien Species (IAS). One of the capacity building initiatives is, the development of a Training Manual on Commodity Audit Systems (CAS) and specifically Biological Risk Management (BRM) of biological risks of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) and Invasive Alien Species (IAS) from production, during transit and post-harvest considering all points of entry in Cameroon.

The Training Manual on CAS is to be used by national trainers to train operational staff in Cameroon, by drawing special attention to LMOs and IAS based on best practises. The staff responsible for CAS at the operational level hail from diverse disciplinary backgrounds and thus the Training Manual aims to guide the trainers to provide the basic concepts of CAS in relevance to biosecurity.

The manual is structured to provide explanations of key concepts from the international and national premises for biodiversity conservation, agriculture, risk analysis and modern biotechnology and the process of CAS as can benefit Cameroon. This is followed by individual modules to address BRM at site of production (for internally produced commodities), in transit (for imported commodities), post-harvest and at points of entry and exit (to cater for trade across national borders). For each module hands on exercises are used to demonstrate the concepts presented. The participants at the training are expected to share their diverse disciplinary expertise to the CAS to enrich the learning outcomes.