

Willy De Greef



Willy De Greef is a plant biologist with extensive experience in tropical crop breeding (through research management positions in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi and Cameroon) and in technology transfer related to agricultural biotechnology. He has been head of regulatory affairs for two biotechnology leaders, Plant Genetic Systems in the 1980s, and Syngenta Seeds from the late 1990s until 2003. He has been involved in the policy and public debate around agricultural biotechnology (OECD, UNIDO, Biodiversity Convention, Cartagena Biosafety Protocol) and in the development of the regulatory framework since 1986. He has contributed to the development of rational regulatory frameworks for biotechnology for developing countries and in capacity building for biotechnology researchers in the developing world in biosafety assessment and regulatory compliance. Recently he has been head of regulatory affairs and new projects for D1 Oils Plant Science, a biofuel company.