

# Nano-Safety approach at Universidad de los Andes

Propuesta de seguridad en actividades nano en  
la Universidad de los Andes

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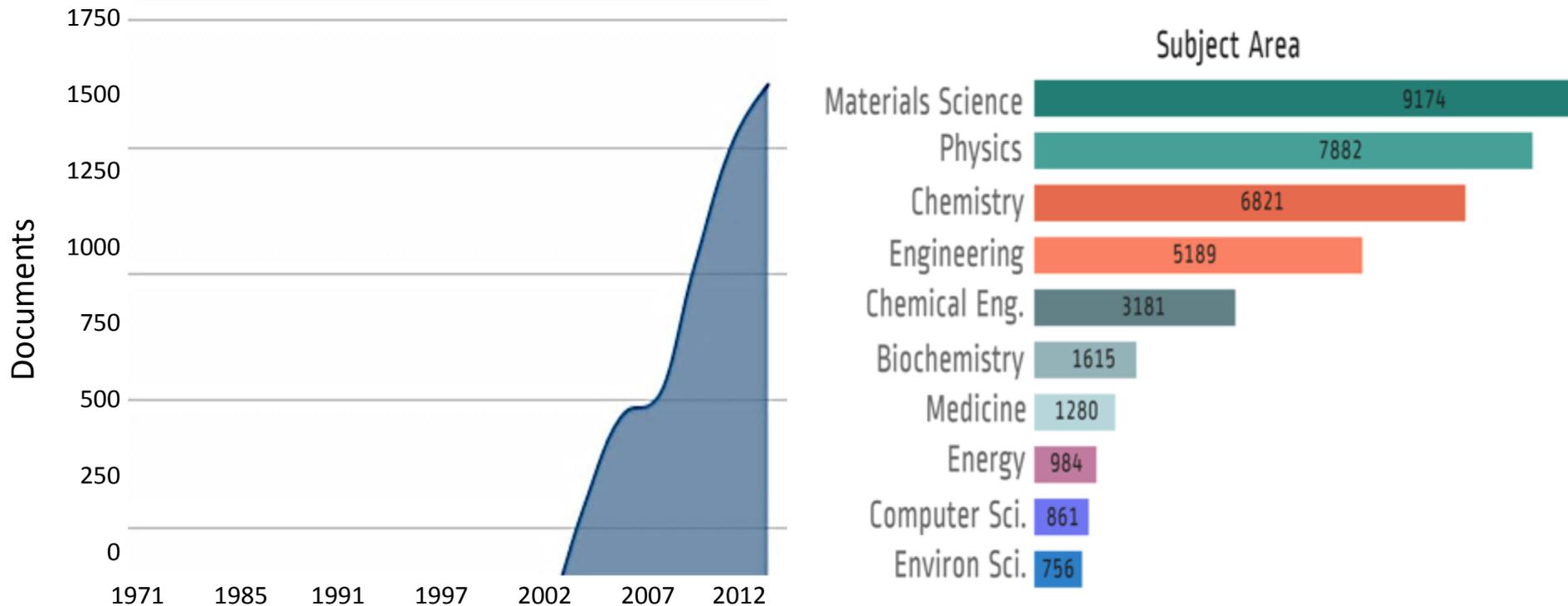
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# Nano publications in Latin America

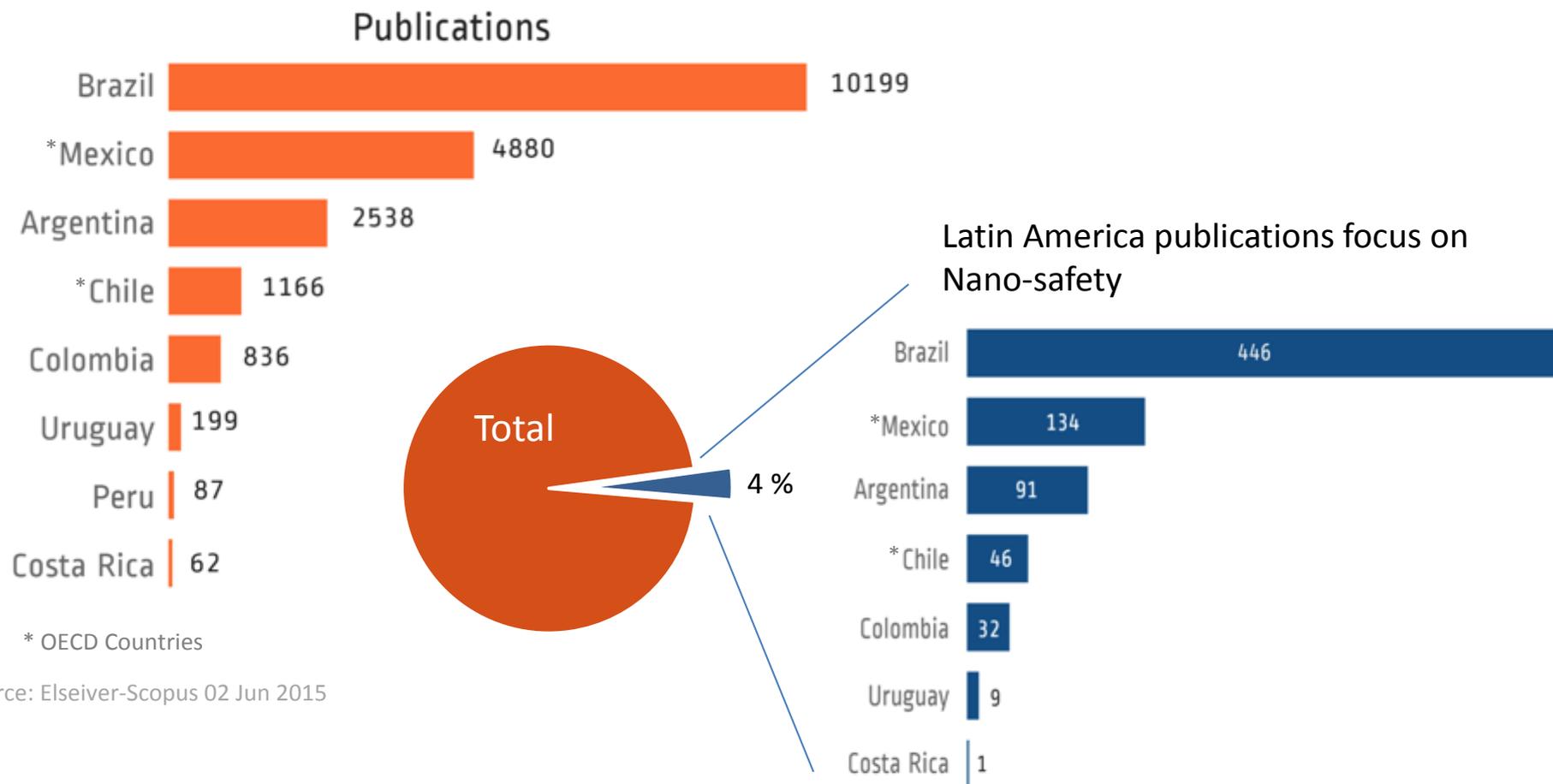
## Publicaciones nano en Latinoamérica



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# Nano safety vs nano in Latin America

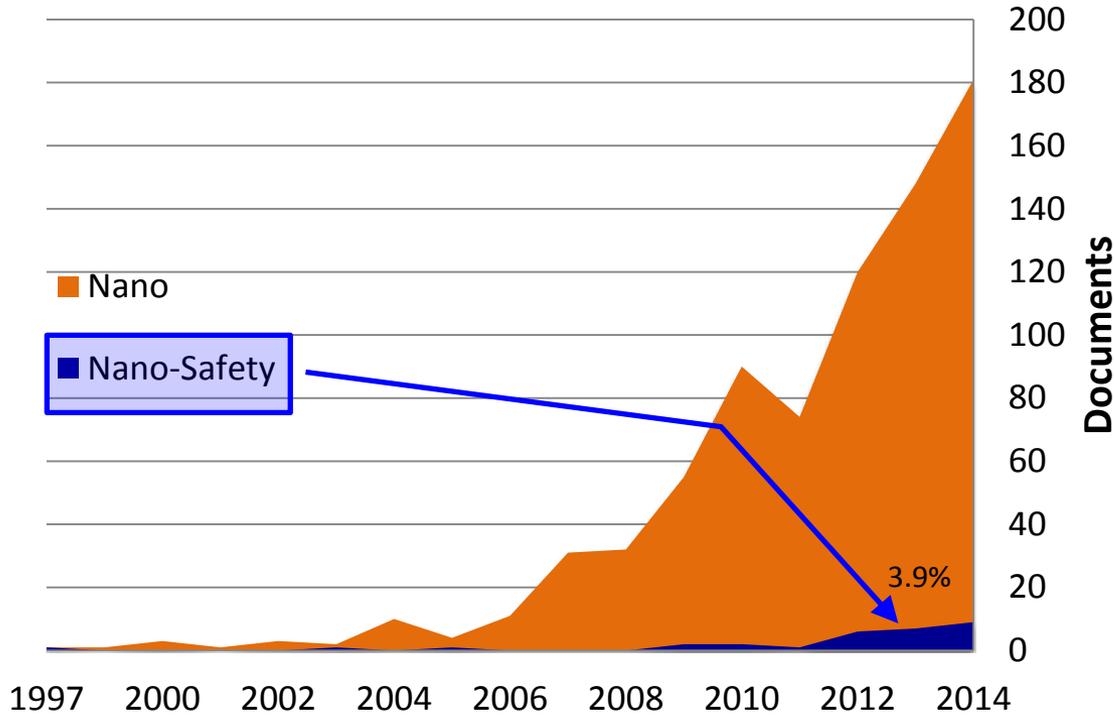
## Nano seguridad vs nano en Latinoamérica



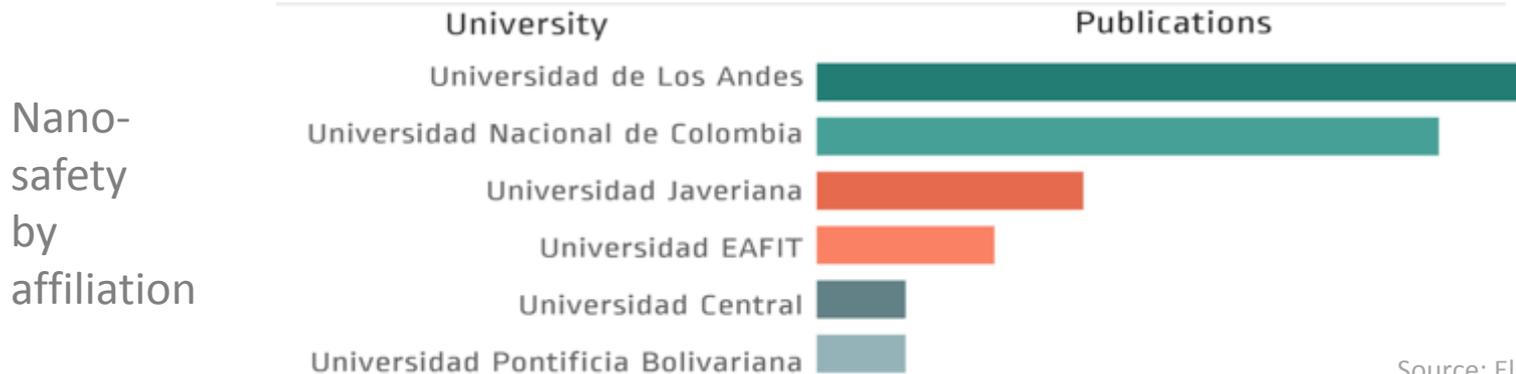
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# Nano publishing at Colombia

## Publicaciones nano en Colombia



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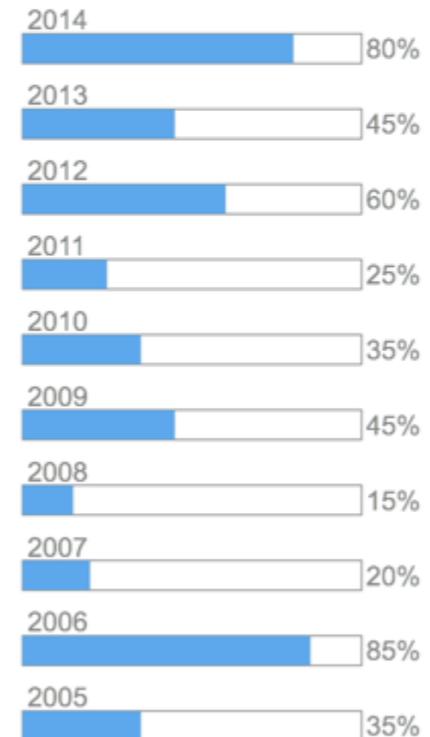
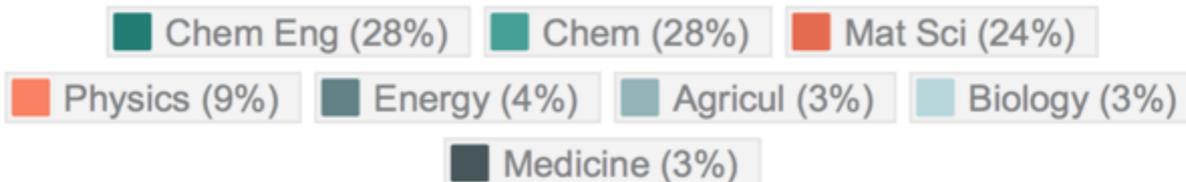


# Colombian nano patents

## Nano patentes colombianas

Number of patents  
Número de patentes

By Area ● ——— ● By Year



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**Years searched:** 1961 - 2015

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# Uniandes by the numbers

## Universidad de Los Andes en números

	2001	2005	2011	2014
<b>Undergraduate</b> Pregrado	26 (7,902)	28 (10,489)	31 (12,497)	32 (13,445)
<b>Master</b> Maestría	22 (988)	22 (1,521)	38 (2,515)	51 (3,149)
<b>PhD</b> Doctorado	7 (4)	7 (63)	14 (276)	15 (420)
<b>Titular Professors</b> Profesores de planta	389	476	581	629
<b>Facilities</b> Infraestructura (m <sup>2</sup> )	63,458	75,955	156,694	163,981



# Nano activities distribution at Uniandes

Distribución de actividades nano en Uniandes



# Nano-Risk Scenario

## Escenario de riesgo nano

### School of Engineering

- 8 floors (*pisos*)
- 3 basements (*sotanos*)
- 56 research labs (*laboratorios*)
- 38,379 m<sup>2</sup> (45.900 yd<sup>2</sup>)
- 17 H / 6 D
- 5,000 – 10,000 people
  - 5,277 undergraduate (*pregrado*)
  - 992 master (*maestria*)
  - 106 PhD (*doctorado*)



# Nano-Risk Scenario

## Escenario de riesgo nano

### School of Engineering

- 1 Clean room  
*(sala limpia)*
- 10 labs working on nano  
*(laboratorios usando nanomateriales)*
- 360 people exposed  
*(personas expuestas)*
  - 300 Indirect  
*(indirectos)*
  - 60 Direct  
*(directos)*



# Nano-Risk Challenge

## Retos con el Riesgo-Nano

¿How to manage the safety of a laboratory where nano-materials are handled?

*¿Cómo gestionar la seguridad de laboratorios que sintetizan o manipulan nano-materiales?*

¿How to turn research & development processes into academic opportunities to construct safety culture?

*¿Cómo convertir los procesos de investigación y desarrollo en oportunidades académicas para construir cultura de seguridad?*

¿How to include the emerging risks related to the handling of nano-materials or nano-composites in the HSE management?

*¿Cómo incluir los riesgos emergentes asociados al uso de nano-materiales o nano-compuestos en la gestión HSE?*

# Main objectives

## Objetivos principales

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Provide safe  
environment to  
develop  
nanotechnology  
activities at  
Universidad de  
Los Andes

Protect human health

Proteger la salud humana

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Protect environment

Proteger en medio ambiente

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Protect facilities

Proteger la infraestructura

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Protect institution goodwill

Proteger la reputación de la institución

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Promote sustainable research and innovation  
development

Promover el desarrollo sostenible de investigación e  
innovación

# Risk Management flow

## Flujo de gestión del riesgo

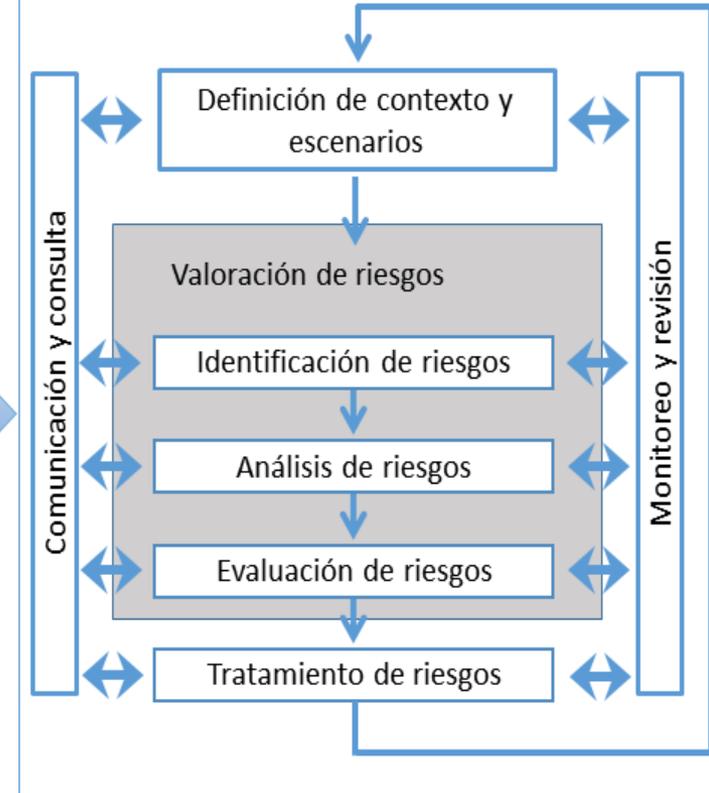
### Principios para la G R

- Creación de Valor
- Integridad
- Soporte a la toma de decisiones
- Reducción de incertidumbre
- Sistemática
- Exhaustividad
- Repetitividad
- Escrutabilidad
- Mejor Info. Disponible
- Pertinencia
- Inclusión de factores humanos y culturales
- Participación
- Flexibilidad
- Aprendizaje continuo de la Organización

### Marco organizacional para la G R

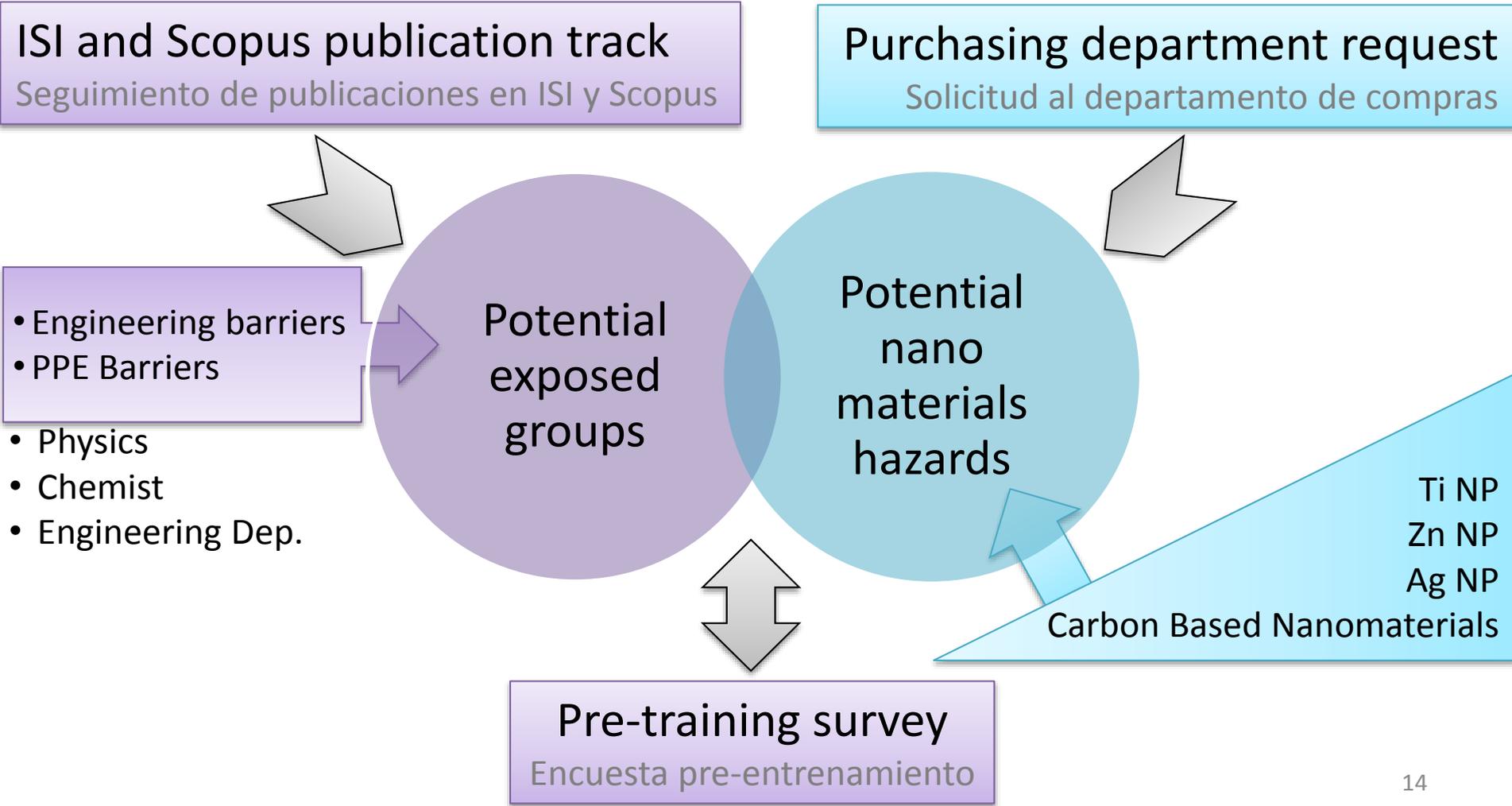


### Procesos de G R



# Scenarios and context definition

## Definición de contexto y escenarios



# Risks identification

## Identificación de riesgos

### Risk perception of nano?

¿Cual es la percepción de riesgo nano?

Are nanomaterials potentially harmful for health?

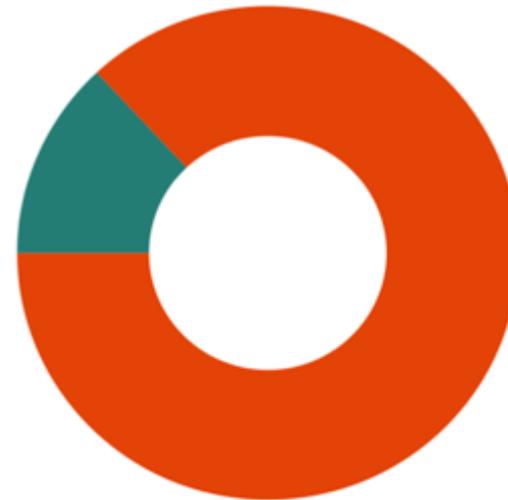
¿Son los nanomateriales potencialmente riesgosos para la salud?



Yes (65%) No (35%)

Did you considered nano-risk while you were planing your experients

¿Considero el riesgo nano mientras planeaba sus experimentos?



Yes (13%) No (87%)

# Risks identification

## Identificación de riesgos

Have you been trained on safety handling of nanomaterials?

¿Ha recibido entrenamiento en el manejo seguro de nanomateriales?



Yes (22%) No (78%)

Which PPE do you use to handling nanomaterials?

¿Que EPP usa usted para manipular nanomateriales?



Gloves Safety glasses Lab coat Facial mask Tapabocas

# Risks identification

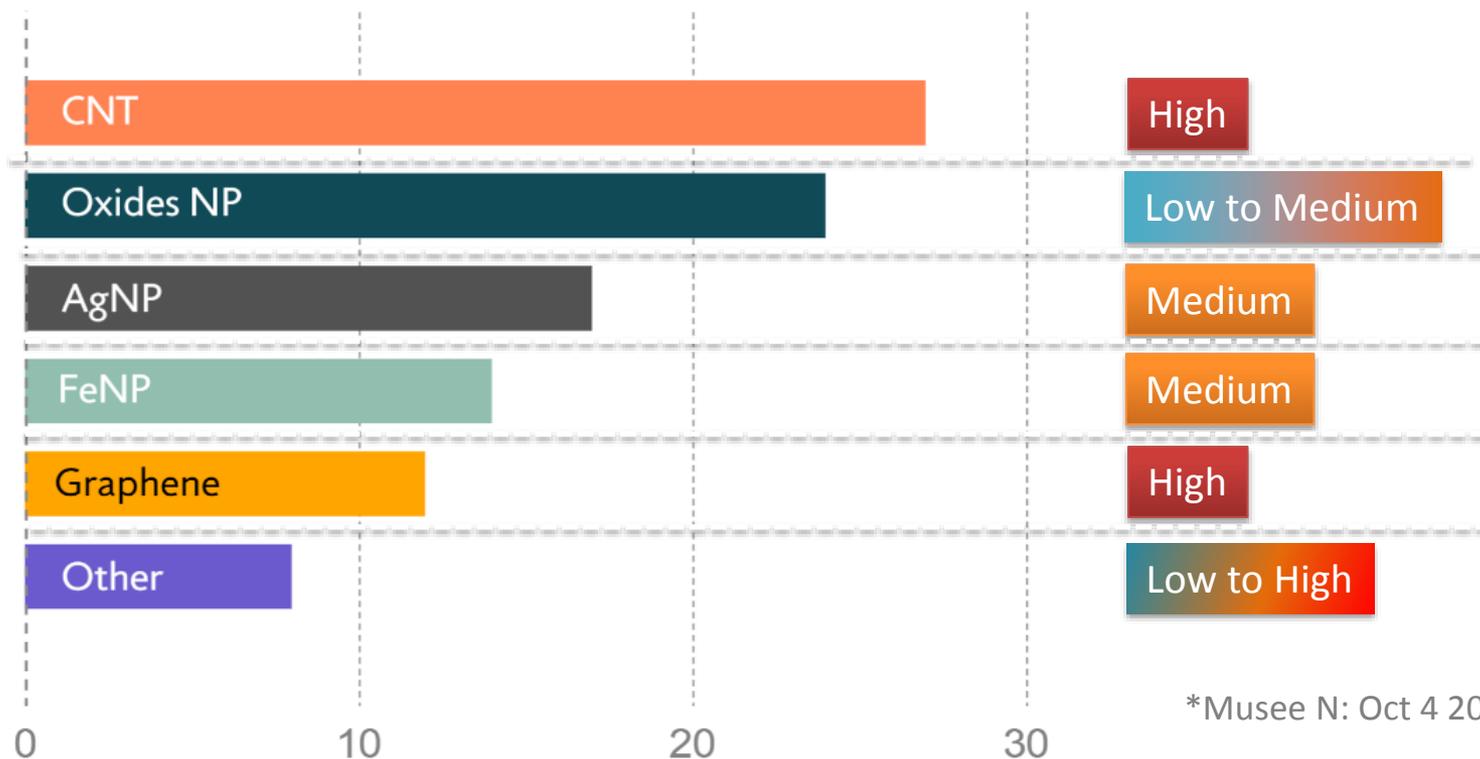
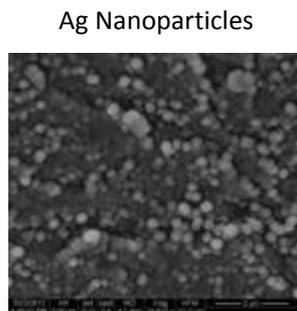
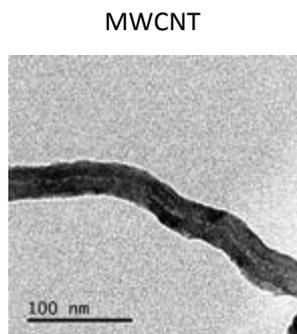
## Identificación de riesgos

### Frequently used nanomaterial

Nanomateriales mas usados

### Hazard\*

Peligrosidad



\*Musee N: Oct 4 2010

**Table I.** Qualitative quantification of toxicity levels of different NMs based on the currently available ecotoxicity data

NMs type	Examples	Hazard (toxicity) <sup>a</sup>
Carbon based	Fullerenes	High
	Singled-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNT)	High
	Multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNT)	High
Metal oxides	Zinc oxide (ZnO)	Medium
	Titanium oxide (TiO <sub>2</sub> )	Low
	Aluminium oxide (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	Medium
	Yttrium iron oxide (Y <sub>3</sub> Fe <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub> )	Low
	Silicon dioxide (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Low
	Iron oxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	Medium
Metals	Silver (Ag)	Medium
	Gold (Au)	High
	Silica (Si)	Low
Quantum dots	Cadmium-selenide (CdSe)	High
	Cadmium telluride (CdTe)	High
Others	Silicon nanowires	Low
	Nanoclay particles	Low
	Dendrimers	Medium

# Risks Assessment

## Análisis de riesgos

### Risk of involuntary exposure

Riesgo de exposición involuntaria

- **Nano-risk misperception** (Percepción inadecuada del riesgo nano)
- **Incomplete or lack of safety-training on handling nanomaterials**  
(Entrenamiento incompleto o ausente en el manejo seguro de nanomateriales)
- **Incomplete use of PPE** (Uso incompleto de EPP)

### Use of potentially hazardous nanomaterials

Uso de nanomateriales potencialmente peligrosos

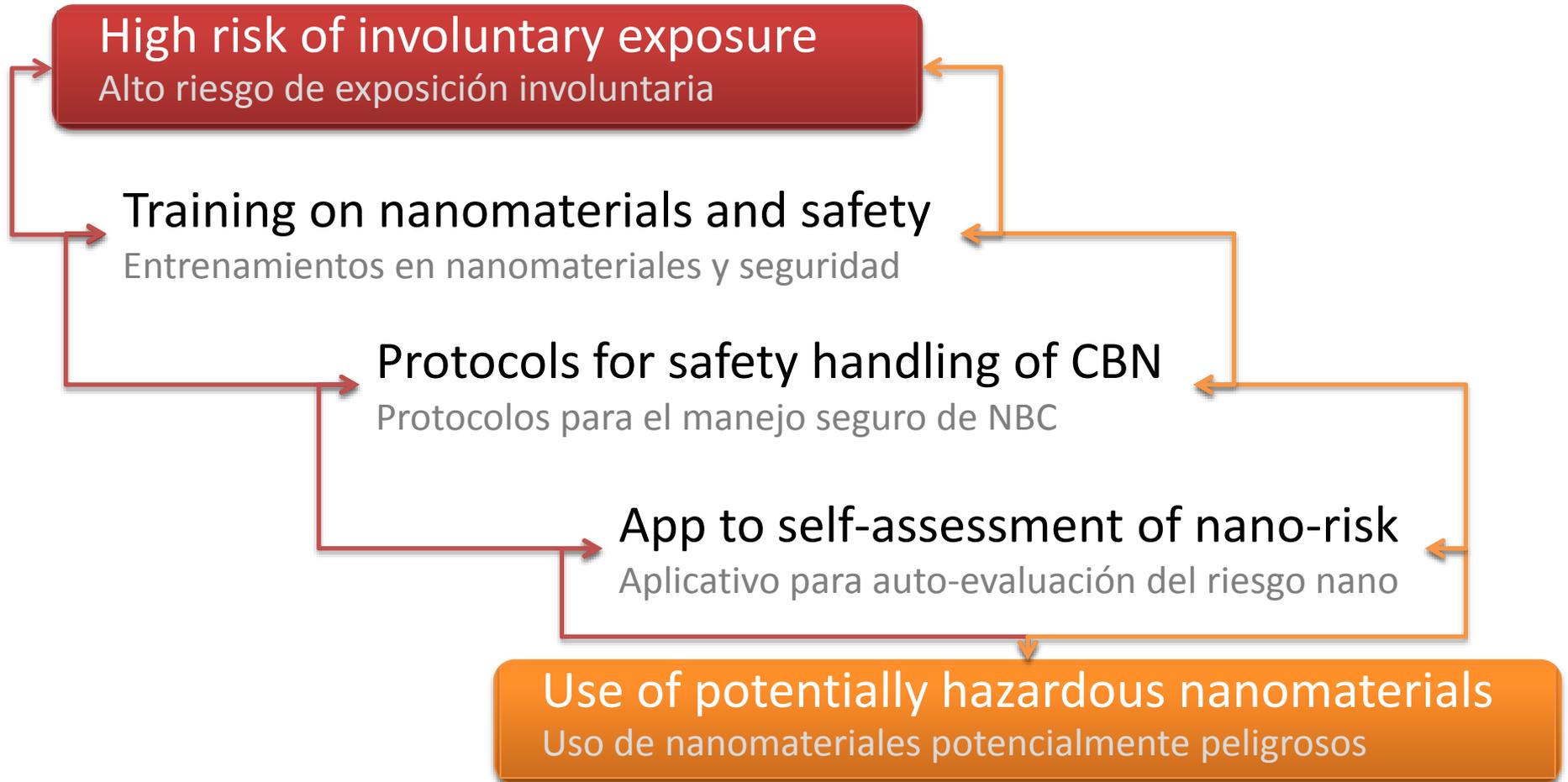
- **Carbon based nanomaterials** (Nanomateriales basados en carbono)
- **Metals and oxides** (Oxidos y metales)

### Risk of environmental issues

Riesgos al medio ambiente

# Risks Evaluation & treatment

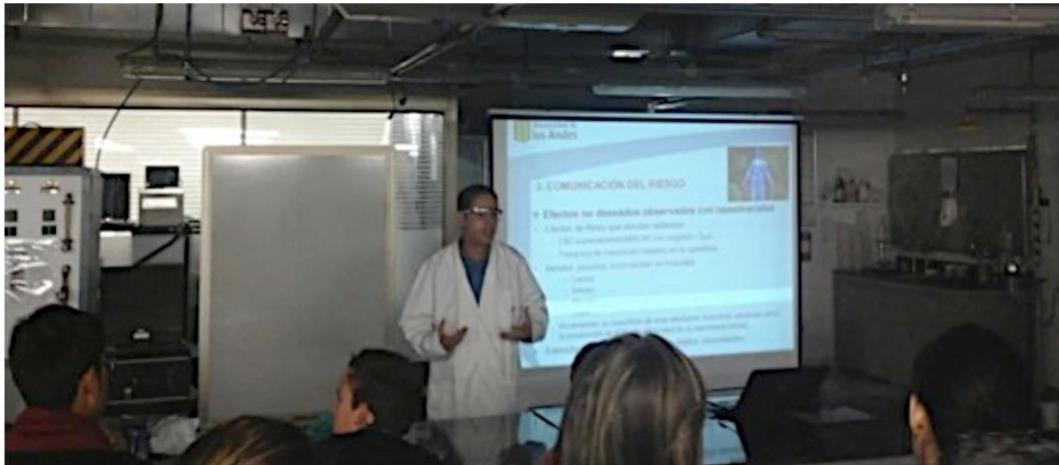
## Evaluación y tratamiento de riesgos



# Preventive controls

## Controles preventivos

Training based on lifecycle: handling, storage labeling and disposal



10 Lab's technicians

70 undergrad students

10 postgraduate students

5 Full time professors

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Definitions

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Properties

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Potential risks

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Cases/examples

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Proposed risk management plan at Uniandes

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Barriers (Personal, engineering)

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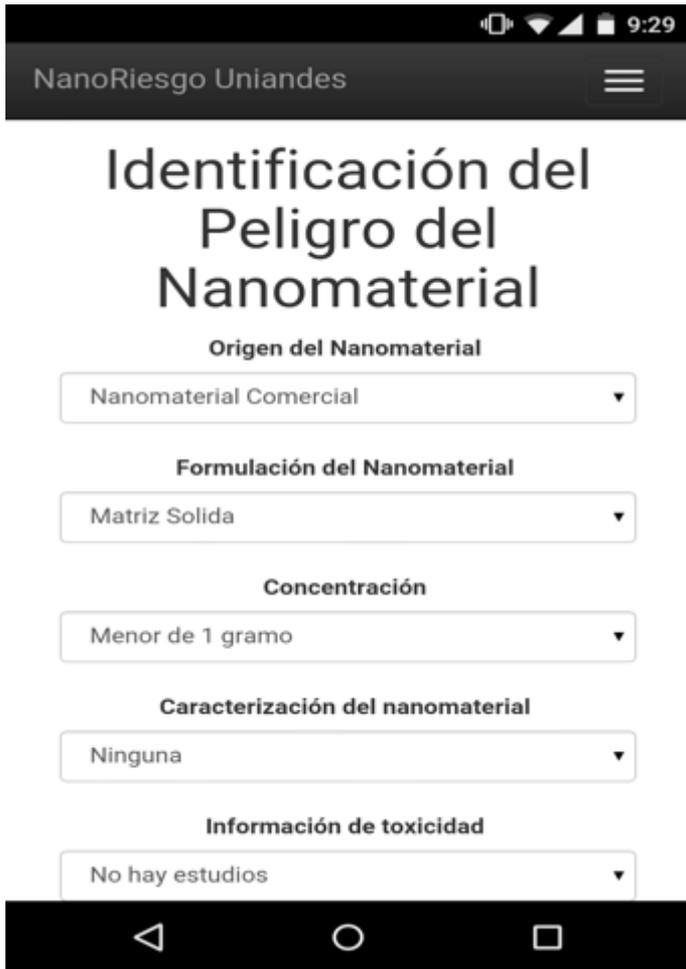
App Introduction

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# Preventive controls

## Controles preventivos

### Self-assessment of nano-risk, mobile app



The screenshot shows the NanoRiesgo Uniandes mobile app interface. At the top, the status bar displays signal strength, Wi-Fi, and battery icons, along with the time 9:29. Below the status bar, the app title "NanoRiesgo Uniandes" and a hamburger menu icon are visible. The main content area is titled "Identificación del Peligro del Nanomaterial". It features five dropdown menus for data entry:

- Origen del Nanomaterial:** Nanomaterial Comercial
- Formulación del Nanomaterial:** Matriz Solida
- Concentración:** Menor de 1 gramo
- Caracterización del nanomaterial:** Ninguna
- Información de toxicidad:** No hay estudios

At the bottom of the screen, the Android navigation bar shows the back, home, and recent apps icons.

Nanomaterial hazard identification  
Identificación del peligro nano

Exposure liability  
Riesgo de exposición

Suggested protective equipment  
Equipos sugeridos de protección

# Corrective controls

## Controles correctivos

### Safe handling of carbon based nanomaterials' protocols



web

Public access to the protocols by intranet

Identify the different CNTs

Explain the potential health risk

Assess the risk according with the CNT & Activities

Suggest the appropriate exposure barriers

- Administrative
- Engineering
- Personal protective equipment
- Waste disposal
- Accident management

# Some Strategic Programmes

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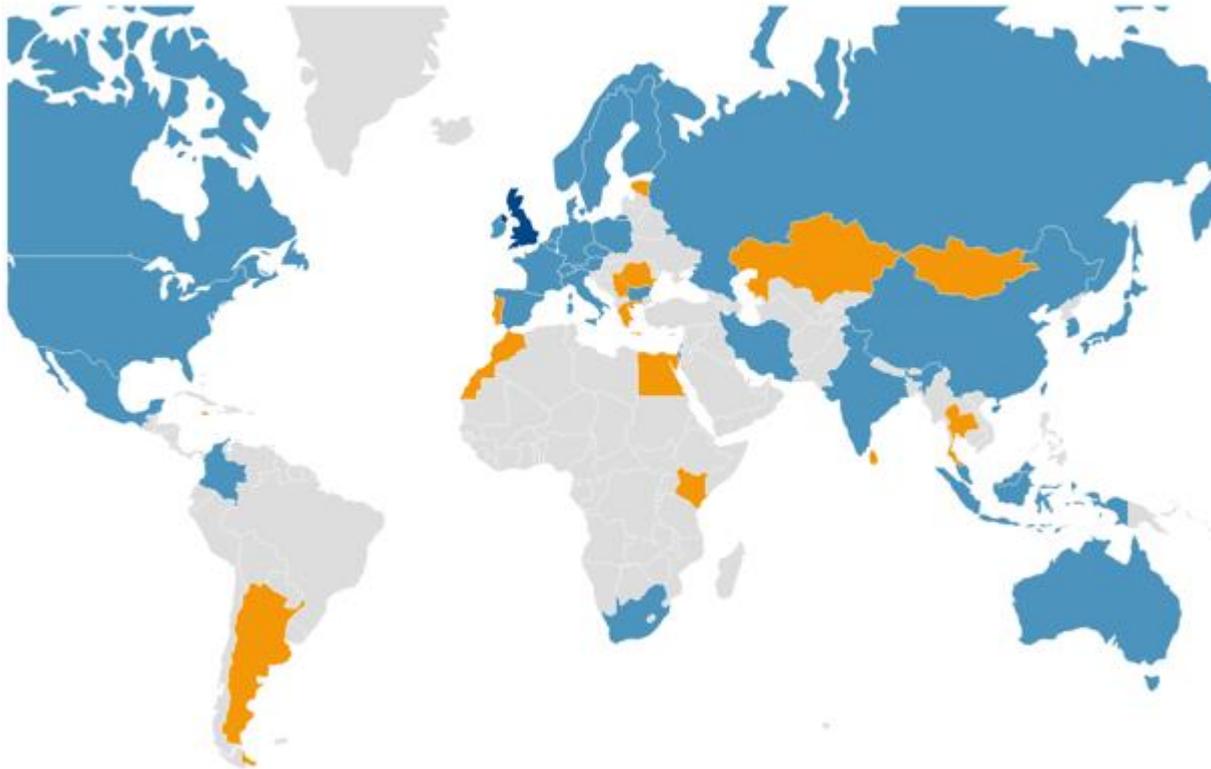
- › [Current developments at the national and international level](#)

Launched in 2007, by the Working Party on Manufactured Nanomaterials (WPMN), this programme is being undertaken by OECD member countries and other stakeholders to ensure the safety testing of a number of nanomaterials.

- › [Sponsorship programme](#)

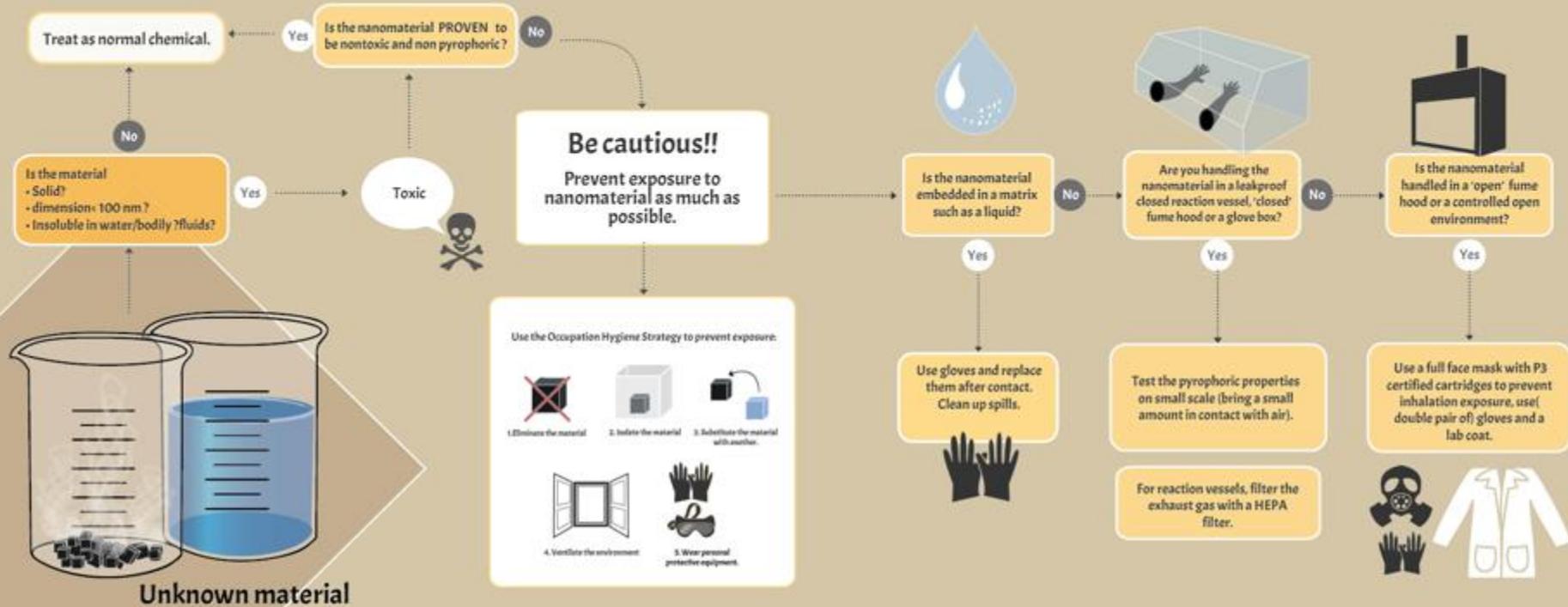
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# ISO/TC 229 - Nanotechnologies



Total number of published ISO standards related to the TC and its SCs (number includes updates):	42
Number of published ISO standards under the direct responsibility of ISO/TC 229 (number includes updates):	42
Participating countries:	33
Observing countries:	15

# Nano-safety roadmap for researchers



**Always**

Use your knowledge and common sense.

Ask for advice when in doubt.

Assess the risks of your nanomaterial and incorporate it in your safety report.

Monitor the lab air- before, during and after handling the nanomaterial- and compare to the benchmark exposure limits.

**Cleaning Procedure**  
Set a cleaning procedure in place.

Wipe with a wet cloth (use water or solvent) or clean with a vacuum cleaner suitable for nanomaterial (monitor the exhaust periodically).

Prevent (inhalation) exposure during cleaning by working in a fume hood when possible and wearing appropriate personal protective equipment.

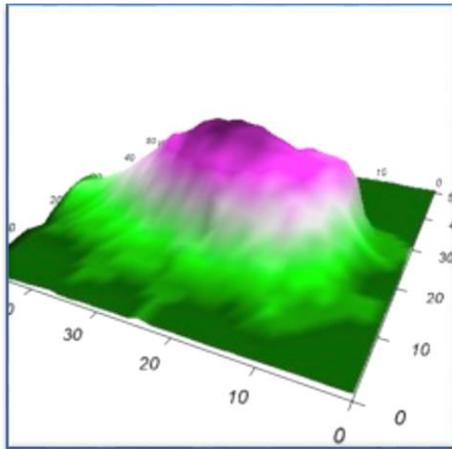
Dispose of cloth, gloves and solvents as chemical waste.

# Next activity

## Siguiente actividad

It will takes 40 min, in three labs

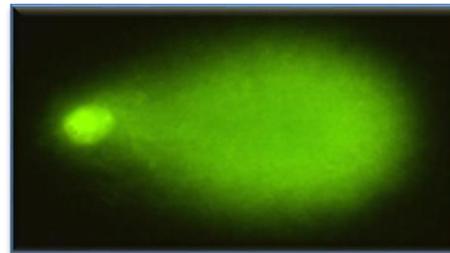
Tomará 40 min, en tres laboratorios



### Atomic force microscopy (AFM)

Microscopía de fuerza atómica

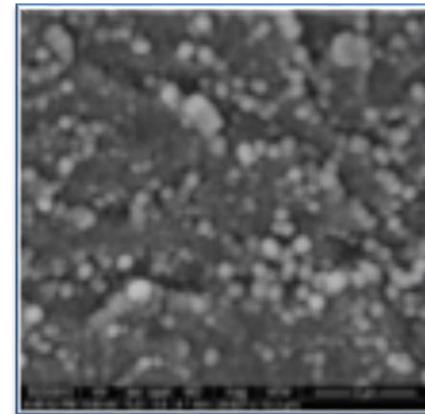
- tribology measurement of lubricants



### Genotoxicity of nanomaterials on mammalian cells

Genotoxicidad de nanomateriales en células de mamíferos

- Comet assay
- MTT assay



### Scanning electron microscopy (SEM)

Microscopía electrónica de barrido

# Thanks



# Gracias