



CONCEPT NOTE & PROGRAMME

Series of webinars on indigenous peoples and local communities' involvement in ABS implementation

07 - 12 - 19 October 2020, 09:00 am GMT

Supporting indigenous peoples and local communities to develop community protocols is part of the obligation for Parties of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (Access and Benefit-sharing - ABS). Community protocols are tools which define a set of rules of conduct, practices and procedures that indigenous peoples and local communities want to see respected when external parties like companies, researchers or government officials approach them and engage with them for the access to and use of genetic resources or their associated traditional knowledge.

This year we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol in 2010. Since that date, more and more organizations and public agencies have been supporting or would like to support communities in the development of community protocols.

Natural Justice and the ABS Capacity Development Initiative are co-organizing a series of webinars to share and exchange lessons learned and guidance based on experiences in **developing, implementing and recognizing** community protocols in the context of ABS.

Three interconnected themes will be addressed separately:

1. Practical advice for facilitating the development of ABS-related community protocols (7 October)
2. Using community protocols for ABS implementation (12 October)
3. Policy guidance for the recognition of community protocols in national policy and legal frameworks (19 October)

Participants

- Organizations and individuals working with communities on ABS cases or community protocols development (ideally ABS or TK-related community protocols)
- Interested representatives of community-based organizations
- Private sector representatives and researchers who have experiences with community protocols
- ABS National Focal Points and Competent National Authorities

Platform to use: ZOOM

Language and translation: French and English

Webinar 1 - Practical advice for facilitating the development of ABS-related community protocols

07 October 2020, 09:00 am GMT

This session aims to promote a common understanding of community protocols and their role and value in ABS implementation. We will share practical advice on facilitating community protocol processes, including guiding principles of a good process, considerations for initiating such a process, definition of the "community" that develops the protocol, key steps and the role of stakeholders.

Programme

Time	
09:00	Welcome, setting the scene and introduction of the speakers and participants
09:20	Reminder: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nagoya Protocol on ABS- Rights of communities and community protocols
09:40	Overview of 2 existing processes
10:10	Q&A and discussion
10:40	Break
10:50	Sharing of key lessons learned and recommendations on good process for community protocol facilitation
11:10	Q&A and discussion: further recommendations
11:40	Wrap-up, introduction of the next webinar and closure

Webinar 2 - Use of community protocols for ABS implementation

12 October 2020, 09:00 am GMT

This session provides an overview of possibilities to support indigenous peoples and local communities to use their community protocols for different purposes in the context of ABS. This includes, for instance, the use of a protocol for benefit sharing negotiations, implementation of value chains, conflict resolution, affirming the rights on specific resources and advocacy strategies. It also provides an opportunity for community representatives and users to share practical experiences of using community protocols during the negotiation of ABS agreements.

Programme

Time	
09:00	Welcome, setting the scene and introduction of the speakers and participants
09:05	Approaches and possibilities of using community protocols in an ABS context <i>(ABS negotiation, value chain involvement, conflict prevention and resolution, advocacy process)</i>
09:25	Q&A and discussion
09:40	Break
09:45	Panel discussion - ABS negotiations involving community protocols: experiences of communities and users
10:25	Q&A and discussion
10:55	Wrap-up, introduction of the next webinar and closure

Webinar 3 - Policy guidance for the recognition of community protocols in national policy and legal frameworks

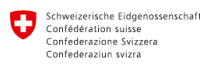
19 October 2020, 09:00 am GMT

This session will share information about existing forms of formal recognition of community protocols, customary laws and community procedures. It provides a discussion space on the advantages and limitations of these different possibilities. The session also seeks to provide guidance on how to ensure that communities receive long-term technical, legal and possibly financial support for the implementation and/or revision of their community protocols (e.g. institutional aspects, awareness raising and capacity development/transfer).

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Time	
09:00	Welcome, setting the scene and introduction of the speakers and participants
09:15	Options for recognition and grounding of community protocols in ABS or other national frameworks
09:35	Q&A and discussion
09:50	Break
09:55	Sustainability of BCP processes
10:10	Breakout groups: Q&A and further recommendations
10:30	Reporting back
10:45	Way forward and closure

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