



Second ABS Capacity Development Workshop for Africa

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Background

This workshop is part of the **Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa**. Background information about the Initiative and full documentation of previous workshops and events is provided on www.abs-africa.info. This website was launched under the Initiative to provide a platform for information exchange and it is envisaged to develop it further into an **ABS Clearinghouse for Africa**.

The first continent wide workshop under this initiative was held in November 2006 in Cape Town, South Africa. Participants developed a vision for access and benefit-sharing in Africa to provide guidance and a sound basis for the further activities under the initiative. They also agreed on a roadmap of joint activities for achieving this vision. A number of workshops with regional or issue based focus and trainings have been organized since then under the initiative, including the recent briefing for the African negotiators in Montreal, Canada, prior to the 5th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group for Access and Benefit-Sharing (WGABS-5).

Objectives of the workshop

Building on this background the objectives of the workshop are to

- take stock of the first year of implementation of the three year capacity development programme for ABS in the African region and provide guidance for its further implementation;
- continue exchanging experiences with bioprospecting cases in the region to foster the implementation of ABS regulations at the national and local level – new cases and follow-up on case studies discussed in previous workshops under the initiative – and to build a broad basis for the development of best practices for ABS in Africa;

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- reflect on the outcomes of WGABS-5 and discuss elements relevant for Africa on the agenda of the up-coming WGABS-6 in January 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Programme overview

The workshop will consist of the following elements of work:

Review of the Cape Town vision and roadmap

Revisit the vision developed in a participatory manner during the Cape Town workshop and the reflections towards this vision elaborated in regional workshops for the COMIFAC as well as West and North Africa. This will provide an opportunity to exchange on the long term perspective and help bringing “newcomers” to the initiative on board. A roadmap for activities by the initiative as well as others needs to be developed for 2008.

Towards best practices for ABS

Participants are invited to present bioprospecting experiences as examples: to come to practical solutions for regulating and implementing ABS with a view to ensure benefit-sharing and facilitate access. Hands-on cases and feedback based on the experiences of the participants will highlight best practices and areas for further improvement. Highlighting experiences and approaches of the *Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)* special focus will be set on the funding potential through ABS for protected areas.

Discussing elements for the International Regime

The agenda of WGABS-6 will be introduced and recommendations for African positions will be formulated building on a discussion of the outcomes of WGABS-5, in particular the new documents as the Co-chairs reflections and compilation. Discussing these papers in light of the African contributions to the previous meeting will help to underline the immense value of a well prepared common position as a regional group.

Products of the workshop

- Contributions to the compilation of bioprospecting case studies and experiences reports.
- Proposed elements for an African position on the International Regime as input for the planned African Delegates briefing prior to WGABS-6 in January 2008 in Geneva.
- Tentatively a report that will be transmitted to the CBD Secretariat for distribution as an information document for the 6th meeting of the Working Group on ABS.

Participants

The up to 70 participants include private sector representatives involved in biotrade and bioprospecting, ABS National Focal Points and representatives of Competent National Authorities for ABS, negotiators in the last meeting of the ABS Working Group, relevant international

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institutions as well as NGOs from the local, national and regional level with practical experiences in the implementation of relevant projects and/or business initiatives.

Date and venue

The workshop will be held from 3rd to 7th December 2007 in the Thomas R. Odhiambo Conference Hall of *icipe* in Nairobi, Kenya. Accommodation will be provided in the *icipe* guest house and nearby facilities.

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