

## The ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa

### **Creating enabling environments for successful partnerships in sourcing of genetic resources and product development**

*A workshop on cooperative business conduct & access and benefit-sharing (ABS) in Africa  
(jointly arranged by the ABS Africa Initiative and the Danish Ministry of the Environment)*

**Tuesday – September 28, 2010**

**Hosted by the Danish Ministry of the Environment  
Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning  
Haraldsgade 53, 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark**

### Agenda

10.00 h	<b>Registration and light breakfast buffet</b>
10.30 h	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Søren Mark Jensen, Danish Ministry of the Environment (MIM)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Objective of the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Dr. Andreas Drews &amp; Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Capacity Development Initiative</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Introduction of participants</b> <p><i>Facilitation: Dr. Gudrun Henne, Viveka International</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public sector representatives (environment, development co-operation)</li> <li>• Business representatives (different ABS related sectors)</li> <li>• African stakeholders</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11.15 h	<p><b>Access and Benefit Sharing – what’s at stake?</b></p> <p><i>Presentations; Questions and Answers; Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update: outcomes of the last negotiation round of the international regime on ABS:</b> <p><i>How key features and mechanisms of the draft ABS protocol to be adopted in Nagoya may affect user and provider countries of genetic resources?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Susanne Heitmüller, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)</i></li> <li>- <i>Olivier Rukundo, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>The .ABS implementation challenge:</b> <p><i>Besides “legal certainty”, which structures are essential to support fair ABS based business partnerships in and with Africa?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Pierre du Plessis, Center for Research Information Action in Africa, Southern Africa Development and Consultants (CRIA SA-DC)</i></li> <li>- <i>Cyril Lombard / John Cheesmond, Phytotrade Africa</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12.30 h	<b>Lunch at the Danish Ministry of the Environment</b>

14.00 h	<b>Making ABS in Africa a reality: gaps, obstacles, potentials, opportunities</b> <i>Stakeholder (self-) assessments</i>	
	<b>Breakout Group: Private Sector</b> <i>Moderated discussion by John Cheesmond</i> <i>Which legal, economic and R&amp;D framework conditions in provider countries are necessary for private sector engagement with regard to ABS?</i> <i>What can the private sector contribute to improve these framework conditions? What needs necessarily to be supported by the public sector?</i>	<b>Breakout Group: Public Sector</b> <i>Moderated discussion by Dr. Gudrun Henne</i> <i>What can ABS-related business partnerships that aim at valorizing genetic resources contribute to international sustainable development?</i> <i>What technical and/or financial instruments are available to support such partnerships? Which of these instruments need to be further developed?</i>
15.30 h	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16.00 h	<b>Making ABS in Africa a reality: a need for public - private cooperation</b> <i>Moderated discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report back from breakout groups</b></li> <li>• <b>Plenary discussion on public private cooperation in valorizing genetic resources: The way forward</b>  <i>Which approaches and support schemes are to be set up to attain win-win situations between users and providers of genetic resources?</i></li> </ul>	
17.15 h	<b>Coffee break</b>	
17.30 h	<b>Making ABS in Africa a reality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Address by the Danish Minister for the Environment</b>  - <i>H.E. Karen Ellemann</i></li> </ul> <i>Moderated discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key findings of the meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>Recommendations to COP (regarding e.g. ABS, business initiatives, technology and knowhow transfer, capacity development)</b></li> <li>• <b>Take home messages (stakeholder specific) and next (cooperation) steps</b></li> </ul>	
18.30 h	<b>Closure of the meeting</b>	
19.00 – 21.00 h	<b>Reception and dinner</b> <i>at the Danish Ministry of the Environment</i>	