



**The ABS Business Dialogue:
The Nagoya Protocol and Green Economy – how to make it work?
June 6 & 7, 2012**

Annotated Agenda

Wednesday, June 6

1. Opening of the workshop

8h30 Arrival and registration

9h00 Technical Opening

9h30 Presentation of the film *“People, Plants and Profits - The Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing in the context of three bioprospecting examples from Africa*

2. On the way to Rio - ABS, TEEB and Green Economy

How can the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and ABS agreements contribute to the valorization of nature?

10h00 A regulator’s perspective:
Kick-off presentation by Søren Mark Jensen, Head of Division Nature, Planning and Biodiversity, Danish Ministry for the Environment

10h15 A business perspective:
Kick-off presentation by Karen Klitgaard, Director Environmental Policy, Confederation of Danish Industry

10h30 Coffee break

3. Understanding ABS – business opportunity and challenge

11h00 *Who does Research & Development on what?*
An overview on ABS relevant **genetic resources related patenting** in Europe
Paul Oldham, ESRC Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (Cesagen)
Q & A session

The ABS Capacity Development Initiative

- 11h30 *What does the Nagoya Protocol regulate – and what not?*
A business focused presentation of the **IUCN Explanatory Guide to the Nagoya Protocol on ABS**
Thomas Greiber, IUCN Environmental Law Centre (IUCN-ELC)
Q & A session
- 12h00 *How to establish sound ABS agreements between users and providers?*
The **ABS Management Tool** – a practical guide for “users” of genetic resources
Geoff Burton, United Nations University – Institute for Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS); Jorge Cabrera, Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBIO)
Q & A session
- 12h30 Upcoming challenges for industry in the light of the Nagoya Protocol
Open discussion
- 13h00 Lunch

4. ABS business models: Roles of public and private actors

- 14h00 *The GEF Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF)*
Jaime Cavalier, Global environment Facility (GEF) - per video conference - and Pierre du Plessis, Centre for Research Information Action in Africa/ Southern African Development and Consulting (CRIA SA-DC)
Q & A session / General discussion
- 14h30 *ABS business models between “one-off” and continuous access to genetic resources – with R&D at different levels of biodiscovery.*
- *Hans Rietveld, Novartis (Switzerland)*
 - *Bo Hammer Jensen, Novozymes (Denmark)*
 - *Rik Kutsch Lojenga, Union for Ethical Biotrade (Switzerland/Netherlands)*
 - *Norbert Weitkemper, Vital Solutions (Germany)*
 - *Julien Chupin, ABS-Biotrade Consultant (France)*
 - *Vinesh Maharaj, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (South Africa)*
 - *Jorge Cabrera, INBIO (Costa Rica)*
- 16h00 Coffee break
- 16h30 *ABS business models between “one-off” and continuous access to genetic resources – with R&D at different levels of biodiscovery (continued)*
Q & A session / General discussion
- 17h30 End of Day One

Thursday, June 7

5. Developing viable Business Approaches to ABS

- 8h00 Coffee
- 8h30 *Panel: Reflections on Day One by ABS negotiators and regulators from Europe and Africa*
Susanne Heitmüller and Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Capacity Development Initiative
- 9h15 *Targeting innovation: A private sector approach – the Phytotech Africa Platform*
Cyril Lombard, Phytotrade Africa and Pierre du Plessis (CRIAA SA-DC)
- 9h45 *Stimulating innovation: A public sector approach – the Australian Biodiscovery Forum*
Geoff Burton, UNU-IAS
Q & A session
- 10h30 Coffee break

6. Group work sessions

- 11h00 *What kind of enabling environments do “users” need for bio-prospecting /discovery and establishing ABS agreements under the Nagoya Protocol?*
- 1) *What would be needed from the public sector to facilitate ABS*
- *in **countries providing** genetic resources (e.g. enabling strategies and measures, genetic inventories, national research platforms, etc.)?*
 - *in **countries using** genetic resources (compliance / disclosure measures, product approval processes, standards, etc.)?*
 - *in the context of **development cooperation** (e.g. specific development projects, academic cooperation programs, public-private partnership support, etc.)?*
- 2) *What can the **business sector** contribute to improve enabling environments for ABS (awareness raising; technology transfer, know-how transfer, training, direct investments, joint research, etc).*
- Moderation Kathrin Heidbrink, ABS Capacity Development Initiative*
- Report back from group work sessions*
- 13h00 Lunch

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7. Wrap up: What is needed that ABS can contribute to green economy?

14h00 *Discussion of key findings*

Message to Rio+20 and further...

Recommendations to the business and public sector for a successful joint implementation of the third objective of the CBD – the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources

Exchange with Rio “messengers” on key findings of the workshops and messages to be conveyed to Rio +20

Lars Goldsmith, Director, Confederation of Danish Industry (tbc)

Ida Auken, Danish Minister for the Environment (tbc)

Moderation Kathrin Heidbrink, ABS Capacity Development Initiative

16h30 Closure of the work shop

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