

7th Pan-African ABS Workshop

hosted by the
South African Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

25th of February – 1st of March 2013, Hans Merensky Hotel and Spa, Phalaborwa, South Africa

A G E N D A

Monday, 25 February 2013

8.30 Welcome and Introduction

- Technical opening (organizers and host)
Andreas Drews, ABS Initiative
Moscow Marumo, DEA
- Getting to know each other
- Program overview
Moderation team: Kathrin Heidbrink and Hugues Quenum

10.30 Coffee / tea

11.00 From Limbé to Phalaborwa

- Experiences on the way
Tobias Dierks, ABS Initiative
- ABS film: Peoples, Plants and Profit

12.30 Lunch

14.00 AU Guidelines: Background, overview, status quo

Mahlet Teshome, AU Commission
Pierre du Plessies, Namibia
Peter Munyi, ABS Initiative
Susanne von Saint André, ABS Initiative
Susanne Heitmüller, ABS Initiative

15.30 Coffee / tea

16.00 Update on ABS related processes in the FAO arena

Presentation and Q&A
Morten Walløe Tvedt, Fridtjof Nansen Institute

16:30 Introduction to the field trip:

South African ABS regulations and valorization of *Lippia javanica*
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

17.30 End of day

18:30 Official Opening and Welcome Reception by the South African Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs

Please refer to separate programme

Tuesday, 26 February 2013

7.30 **Departure for the field trip to Giyani on the *Lippia javanica* example**

Please refer to separate programme

18:30 Return to Phalaborwa

Wednesday, 27 February 2013

8.00 **Reflection on field trip**

Discussion guided by moderation team

9.30 Coffee / tea

10.00 **Traditional knowledge: Documentation, valorization, compliance**

- Report back from visit to the Indian Traditional Knowledge Digital Library
Fernand Gbaguidi, Centre Béninois de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique (CBRST)
- The National Recordal System (NRS) of South Africa
Tom Suchanandan, South African Department of Science and Technology (DST)
- Documenting African TK
Emmanuel Sackey, ARIPO
- Creating TK Commons
Gino Cocchiaro, Natural Justice

11.30 Lunch

13.00 • Panel discussion moderated by Barbara Lassen, ABS Initiative
Rodney Sibuye, Kukula Traditional Health Practitioners Association
Fernand Gbaguidi, CBRST
Tom Suchanandan, DST
Emmanuel Sackey, ARIPO
Gino Cocchiaro, Natural Justice

14.30 Coffee / tea

15.00 **Announcements for thematic sessions**

Methodological introduction to thematic sessions:

Six thematic sessions will be offered in parallel in French and English throughout the day. Participants have the choice to participate in 4 out of 6 sessions.

- 1) Interface protected areas and ABS
- 2) R&D/ Business & benefit-sharing models and interface biotrade/ABS
- 3) Simplified access for basic research
- 4) Compliance in Africa
- 5) Biocultural Community Protocols
- 6) Interface ITPGRFA and Nagoya Protocol

16.00 End of day

16:30 **Evening Game Drive (optional)**

Thursday, 28 February 2013

9.00 **Thematic sessions – slot 1**

10.30 Coffee / tea

11.00 **Thematic sessions – slot 2**

12.30 Lunch

14.00 **Thematic sessions – slot3**

15.30 Coffee / tea

16.00 **Thematic sessions – slot 4**

17.30 End of day

19:30 **Side event on draft EU Regulations**

Søren Mark Jensen, Danish Ministry of the Environment

Friday, 1 March 2013

9.00 **Report back from thematic sessions**

Presentation and discussion

Reflection on AU Guidelines and way forward

Mahlet Teshome, AUC

Drafting team

10.30 Coffee / tea

11.00 **CEPA for ABS**

Presentation and discussion

Tobias Dierks and Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Initiative

12.30 Lunch

14.00 **Road map ABS Initiative: Quo vadis 2013**

Presentation and Q&A

Andreas Drews, ABS Initiative

Evaluation

Moderation team

Closure

Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Initiative

Moscow Marumo, DEA

16.00 End of workshop