

Access and Benefit Sharing

The ABS Capacity Development Initiative

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3rd ABS Business Dialogue: The Nagoya Protocol on ABS - Implementing the Green Economy!

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Organized by the ABS Capacity Development Initiative.

Hosted by Ms. Ida Auken, Danish Minister of the Environment.

The Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (the Nagoya Protocol), adopted in October 2010 under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), represents a pivotal milestone in the history of the Convention and can be regarded as a key element in designing a global framework for sustainable development in a green economy. It not only aims at creating fair exchange conditions for genetic resources, but also provides enhanced legal certainty for providers and users in valuing nature in a market economy.

Dialogue and co-operation between policy makers, regulators and the private sector on new regimes and regulations for access and benefit-sharing (ABS) has been enhanced in the past two years following the adoption of the Protocol. Many countries have entered into national or regional processes for ratification and implementation of the Protocol. However, the definition of operational details of the Nagoya Protocol, concrete implementation options at the national level and the establishment of fair ABS agreements with business remain a challenge that needs to be addressed in close cooperation between the public and the private sector.

In this context and **based on the previous two Business Dialogues**, held in Copenhagen in September 2010 (see report [here](#)) and June 2012 (see report [here](#)), **this workshop aims at**

1. Engaging and **bringing together representatives** from a variety of different user sectors and business scales, ABS authorities and other relevant stakeholders – from North and South;
2. Providing an **update on regulatory and other relevant developments** at the international, regional and national levels related to ABS (e.g. status of ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, implementation efforts of the private sector);
3. Discussing selected business and R&D models from different sectors utilising genetic resources sectors (**Pharmaceutical, Food & Beverages, Cosmetics and Biotechnology**) with a view to inspire business representatives and to guide policy makers at the national level in the establishment of effective ABS systems, including PIC and MAT.
4. Identifying ways how **CSR policies** could integrate, as well as generally support ABS, and how **benefits** could be directed to the **conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable use** of its components.

The workshop will be concluded with a **half-day high level segment**, hosted by **Ms. Ida Auken, Danish Minister of the Environment**, in which findings from the technical discussions will be conveyed to **high level representatives of Governments from North and South, relevant businesses and industries, as well as other international institutions**. Participants will have the opportunity to further discuss and elaborate on the outcomes and share their perspectives on ABS in the context of a Green Economy.

Working language is English. 50 to 60 participants from different user sectors, governments from the North and South, and other relevant stakeholder groups are expected.

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