

## Access and Benefit Sharing

### The ABS Capacity Development Initiative

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The ABS Initiative at the Fifth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

**Side event: Mutually supportive national implementation of the Treaty's multilateral system, and access and benefit-sharing mechanisms under the CBD and the Nagoya Protocol**

**Friday, 27 September 2013, 13.00 – 15.00**

**Room 2 - Qurrayat-B**

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Panelists will present progress, experiences, plans and perspectives on mutually supportive national-level implementation of the Treaty's multilateral system, and access and benefit sharing mechanisms pursuant to the CBD and the Nagoya Protocol.

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- *Tashi Yangzome Dorji, National focal point for the ITPGRFA, Program Director, National Biodiversity Centre, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Thimphu, Bhutan*
- *Jean Rwihaniza Gapusi, National focal point for both the ITPGRFA and the Nagoya Protocol, Senior Researcher, Rwanda Agriculture Board, Huye, Rwanda*
- *Thomas Weber, Policy Officer, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium*
- *Daniele Manzella, Treaty Support Officer, ITPGRFA Secretariat, FAO, Rome, Italy*
- *Kathryn Garforth, Programme Officer, Access and Benefit-Sharing, Secretariat of the CBD, Montreal, Canada*

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