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ABS IMPLEMENTATION FOR IPLCS

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Since a growing number of African countries are now in the process of developing their domestic ABS policies and legislations, indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) have increasingly asked for support in strategy development regarding these implementation processes on the one hand and support for coordination and activities at the national level on the other.

Responding to these demands, this regional IPLC workshop will focus on ABS implementation, discussing related policies and strategies for a more coordinated and effective engagement of IPLCs in the national implementation processes.

Being one of the most advanced countries in the region when it comes to ABS implementation and community involvement, Namibia was chosen as host country for the workshop. The programme will include a field trip to the site of a Namibian ABS case, giving participants the opportunity to directly communicate with the involved communities and other actors.

The workshop aims to strengthen IPLCs' coordination and engagement in ABS policy development and implementation.

Up to 40 participants from 10 African countries (Benin, Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Uganda) will attend the workshop.