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1 Context and background

Building on a longstanding cooperation, the Directorate General for International Cooperation (DGIS) of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the German development cooperation (BMZ and GTZ) discussed in 2005 to jointly promote ABS (access and benefit-sharing) capacity-building in Eastern and Southern Africa. For this purpose a *Regional ABS Capacity-Building Workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa* - conceptualized as an initial multi-stakeholder workshop - was held in October 2005 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Based on the substantive workshop results, the encouraging feedback of the participants and the overwhelming interest of representatives from African countries, who did not participate in the workshop, DGIS, BMZ and GTZ have agreed to continue this cooperation as the *Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa*, which was announced during a side event of the CBD COP 8 in March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil.

2 Programme Implementation in 2007

2.1 Revision of the Initiative's website www.abs-africa.info

The website required significant modification to transform it from a workshop website to a programme website. These changes were initiated immediately after the signing of the cooperation agreement. The website provides now a

- conceptual section – based on the programme document – and an
- event section, separated in previous events – including the documentation of the Addis Ababa Workshop in October 2005 – and upcoming events – and a
- document section – which gives direct access to all workshop presentations, background documents as well as the documentation of bioprospecting cases and experience reports.

In a second step a French section of the website was initiated: the COMIFAC (*Commission en charge des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale*) agreed during the first meeting of its Biodiversity Working Group in Sao Tome in December 2006 to engage under the roof of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa in ABS capacity development with the aim of regionally harmonised regulations. This process is co-funded by BMZ and the *Agence française du développement* (AFD) as part of the COMIFAC support programme.

2.2 Workshops and Trainings

The following workshops and trainings were organised under the initiative in 2007:

- The “Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance” in the African ABS Discussion
A workshop hosted by the Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (IBC), 28th to 30th March 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Negotiation Skills in the ABS Arena
Two trainings hosted by the the National Environment Management Council (NEMC), 16th to 18th May and 21st to 23rd May 2007, Arusha, Tanzania.

- Business, Biodiversity and Benefit-Sharing: Exploring Best Practices for Biotrade and ABS

A workshop organized in cooperation with PhytoTrade Africa and the Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), 18th to 20th June 2007, Windhoek, Namibia.

- Capacity Building and Briefing of African Delegates prior to the 5th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing

A workshop organized in cooperation with the African Union Commission, the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law, the Government of Québec, the *Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie*, and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 5th to 6th October 2007, Montreal, Canada. For the detailed workshop programme refer to:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/abswg-05/other/abswg-05-training-session-01.pdf>

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/abswg-05/other/abswg-05-training-session-02.pdf>

- Renforcement de capacités en matière d'accès aux ressources génétiques et de partage des avantages (APA)

A workshop organized in cooperation with the *Ministère Marocain de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Eau et de l'Environnement* (M.A.T.E.E.), the *Haut Commissariat marocain aux Eaux et Forêts et à la Lutte Contre la Désertification*, the *Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie*, and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 19th to 23rd November 2007, Marrakech, Morocco.

- Second ABS Capacity Development Workshop for Africa

A workshop in partnership with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and hosted by icipe - African Insect Science for Food and Health, 3rd to 7th December 2007, Nairobi, Kenya.

More detailed information on the objectives, target groups and workshop products is available in the specific **workshop outlines** and **workshop reviews** in Annex 1.

2.3 Documentation and Publications

In order to inform about the vision for ABS implementation in Africa, which was developed by the participants of the Cape Town workshop in November 2006, and the road map for ABS capacity development a detailed report was submitted to the 5th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing (WG-ABS5) as **information document**:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/abswg-05/information/abswg-05-inf-08-en.pdf>

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/abswg-06/information/abswg-06-abswg-05-inf-08-en.pdf>

Report of the First Capacity Development Workshop on Access and Benefit-Sharing for Africa (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/INF/8)

To enable other stakeholders, who did not participate in the Addis-Workshop on the “certificate”, a paper was commissioned to Prof. Ekpere (Nigeria), which provides the background and explanations on the specific African positions as compared to the recommendations of the CBD Group of Technical Experts, which met in Lima, Peru, in January 2007. This paper together with the workshop report was submitted to the 5th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open

Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing (WG-ABS5) as **information document**:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/abswg-05/information/abswg-05-inf-07-en.pdf>

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/abswg-06/information/abswg-06-abswg-05-inf-07-en.pdf>

Workshop Report of the "Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance" in the African ABS Discussion (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/INF/7).

For communicating the concept and approach of the Initiative a **poster** was developed and produced in the English and French language. The posters were used at various occasions, e.g. delegates briefings, workshops as well as WG-ASB5 and WG-ABS6 (January 2008).

Facilitating information exchange and **documenting bioprospecting experiences** is a central element under the Initiative. Based on the cases presented by participants in the various workshops several documentations have been commissioned African resource persons:

- *Argania spinosa* in Morocco
- *Eragrostis tef* in Ethiopia
- *Hoodia gordonii* in Southern Africa
- *Pelargonium sidoides* in South Africa
- *Prunus africana* in Cameroon and Uganda
- *Thaumatococcus daniellii* in the Ivory Coast
- *Vernonia galamensis* in Ethiopia

The case documentations follow the structure agreed between the Initiative and the CBD Secretariat and will be published in a brochure of the Initiative by COP 9 in Bonn, Germany, in May 2008.

3 Results Indicators and Impacts

The report covers 14 months of originally planned 36 months of project implementation. From that it is obvious that only first results towards the agreed indicators of the Programme Document of the Initiative have been achieved and that some activities even have not yet been fully taken up during the reporting period. Furthermore, it should be mentioned that not yet all baselines have been defined properly. This task will be taken up in the second half of 2008, i.e. after COP 9 in Germany.

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- Public and political awareness in African countries on **ABS as an instrument for poverty alleviation** and biodiversity conservation is improved.
 - Increased media coverage - print & broadcasting - on ABS (bioprospecting cases, legal and political aspects, international negotiations) in selected countries.
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Baseline will be elaborated in 2008

- Relevant European **private sector companies** are **sensitized** about the ABS process in African countries.
 - At least 10 European private sector companies assess their interest for involvement and give feedback.
 - At least two bioprospecting agreements with private sector companies are initiated through and facilitated by GTZ.
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Business representatives have been involved in the several workshops of the Initiative. Furthermore, the Initiative is actively participating in an ABS Round Table with the private sector

and the Business & Biodiversity Initiative of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) to establish more contacts with the private sector and to inform about the ABS processes in African countries.

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- A **network** of relevant and affected **stakeholders** in different countries is **exchanging views** on and approaches for the implementation of ABS in Africa, **including opportunities for poverty alleviation**.
 - A quarterly newsletter on ABS relevant news for Africa is circulated.

Occasional informal exchange has been established through the series of workshops under the Initiative. A regular newsletter with contributions of the participants/readers will be launched after COP 9, i.e. late 2008.

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- African participants contribute actively to the **negotiation** and development of an **international ABS regime**, integrating successfully **African** perspectives and **positions**.
 - Increasing number of substantial interventions of African delegations in the international negotiations (COP, ABS-WG).

Baseline will be elaborated in 2008

The substantive improvement of the African participation in the WG-ABS5 is exemplarily highlighted by the letter of the Co-chairs of WG-ABS5 to the Executive Secretary of the CBD:

Von: Hodges, Tim [NCR] [Tim.Hodges@ec.gc.ca]

Gesendet: Donnerstag, 18. Oktober 2007 19:22

An: ahmed.djoghla@cbd.int

Cc: fccasas@gmail.com

Betreff: Participation of African Group at ABSWG-5

Dear Ahmed,

We are writing to you regarding the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa.

As you are aware, the fifth meeting of Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABSWG-5) was held in Montreal, 8 - 12 October 2007.

Prior to the commencement of ABSWG-5, we had an opportunity to brief African participants in the Workshop on Capacity Building, which was organized in part by the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa.

On the basis of this briefing (including the quality and substance of the subsequent questions and comments), we were left with the clear impression that African delegations were substantively prepared for the forthcoming negotiations.

This impression was quickly confirmed at the ABSWG meeting. Indeed, it was evident throughout ABSWG-5 that the African region was not only well-organized and strategic in its approach but also capable of dealing in depth with substantive issues.

We are of the view that Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa was a significant factor in the degree of African preparedness at ABSWG-5. In our assessment, the Initiative contributed to a better understanding among African delegates of the ABSWG-5 agenda and related items. Further, the high degree of position co-ordination among African delegates played a major role in facilitating the ABSWG-5 process as whole.

We believe that holding similar "pre-session" workshops at future ABSWG meetings would be of high potential value to the African region and the entire Working Group.

Finally, we wish inform you that on the basis of the above, we have confirmed our intention to attend the workshop scheduled by the Dutch-German Initiative for Nairobi in December. Not only will the workshop provide a key opportunity to meet with African negotiators in advance of ABSWG-6, it also represents an opportunity to learn more about this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Timothy Hodges and Fernando Casas

Co-Chairs

Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing

UN Convention on Biological Diversity

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- Increased number Inf-Docs and side events of African institutions, organisations and Governments in the international negotiation process (COP, ABS-WG).

Baseline will be elaborated in 2008

- Political and legal **framework conditions in African countries** for bioprospecting as prerequisite for gaining benefits are **improved**.
 - Increased number of countries engages in the development of national ABS legislation/regulations.
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Proposals for support to finalise national ABS regulations have been submitted to the Initiative and are under scrutiny. Implementation is expected to start in at least one country in 2008 (Liberia). Within the COMIFAC process at least two countries are expected to start with national implementation within 2008.

- In at least 2 cases efforts for regional harmonisation are initiated and ongoing.
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The Central African countries organised as COMIFAC decided to develop ABS regulations in a harmonised manner, i.e. develop guidelines and principles at the regional level and then implement these at the national level.

- At least 4 bioprospecting agreements involving the private sector are initiated.
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Too early to report

- **Participatory processes** are **established** to include civil society in the development and implementation of national ABS regulations focusing on opportunities how local communities may benefit from bioprospecting agreements.
 - In an increasing number of countries developing and implementing national ABS regulations dialogue fora between political decision makers and civil society on ABS are established.
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Too early to report

4 Outlook

Punctual partnerships with IEPF and Government of Québec – will be developed into long term commitment by IEPF. Funding from other donors is being sought. As a first step potential donors and supporters of ABS capacity development will be invited for a discussion during the 6th meeting of the ABS Working Group in Geneva in January 2008.

The high demand for workshops and trainings, the positive feedback of workshop and training participants and relevant players at the international fora led to the agreement at the Steering Committee Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in December 2007 that the current phase of the project should end by 12/2008 and that new funding should be sought from DGIS for the period 01/2009 until 12/2011.

Annex 1:
Workshop / Training Documentation

The “Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance” in the African ABS Discussion

A workshop hosted by the

Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (IBC)

28th to 30th March 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Background

This workshop is part of the **Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa**. Background information about the Initiative and full documentation of previous workshops and events is provided on www.abs-africa.info. This website was launched under this Initiative to provide a platform for information exchange and it is envisaged to develop it further into an **ABS Clearinghouse for Africa**.

Within the current CBD debate an “International Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance” is considered by many a potential ‘pillar’ of the International Regime on Access and Benefit Sharing. In accordance with COP decision VIII/4 C a **Group of Technical Experts** on an internationally recognised certificate of origin/source/legal provenance met from 22nd to 25th January 2007 in Lima, Peru. The Expert Group was tasked to provide technical input to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG-ABS) on the following issues:

1. Consider the possible **rationale, objectives and the need** for an internationally recognised certificate of origin/source/legal provenance;
2. Define the potential **characteristics and features** of different options of such an internationally recognised certificate;
3. Analyse the **distinctions** between the options of certificate of origin/source/legal provenance and the **implications** of each of the options for achieving the objectives of Articles 15 and 8(j) of the Convention;
4. Identify associated **implementation challenges**, including the practicality, feasibility, costs and benefits of the different options, including mutual supportiveness and compatibility with the Convention and other international agreements.

A concise background document which has been prepared by the Secretariat of the CBD is available as <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/abs/absgte-01/official/absgte-01-02-en.doc>.

Five African experts from Algeria, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mozambique, and Niger had been nominated as members of this group.

Objectives of the workshop

Against this background and to empower African stakeholders and negotiators to have a “hearable” voice in the upcoming negotiations on the “International Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance” the strategic objectives of the workshop are as follows:

- Facilitate the information flow to all African stakeholders concerned. As one of the central instruments for the International ABS Regime under discussion, an “International Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance” will eventually impact on all transactions of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge as well as permitting and product registration systems including intellectual property registration. Therefore, all stakeholder groups must be able to participate in the discussion on an informed basis.
- Contribute to a common position of the African Group by analysing the Experts Group’s recommendations against African bioprospecting experiences. Such a “reality check” will provide insight into the needs and requirements of African stakeholders to improve ABS towards more equitable and fair transactions of biological/genetic resources and benefit-sharing agreements.

Programme overview

The workshop will consist of the following elements of work:

5 Report back from Lima

The Secretariat of the CBD is invited to provide an overview on the key findings and recommendations of the Lima meeting. The African representatives in the Expert Group are invited to present their specific perspectives. A first discussion will highlight general points of agreement and concern.

The “reality check”

The “reality check” will provide the opportunity to analyse what difference the experts’ recommendation would have made in real African bioprospecting cases, such as the teff case - an agricultural food crop - from Ethiopia and the hoodia case – on one hand a classical bioprospecting case on the other a case closely linked to biotrade issues - from Southern Africa. The selected cases will be presented to the participants, which in turn will be tasked to analyse the cases in light of the Expert Group’s findings.

Contributions to an African position

Building on the results of the “reality check” participants will develop recommendations and key elements for an African position on the report of the Experts Group which could contribute to an eventual submission of the African Group on the “International Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance” in accordance with COP decision VIII/4 C5.

Products of the workshop

- Recommendations and key elements for an African position on the report of the Experts Group.
- A report that will be transmitted to the CBD Secretariat for distribution as an information document for the 5th meeting of the Working Group on ABS.
- Depending on the depth of analysis and the results which can be achieved with the “reality check” two studies will be commissioned for further elaboration and submission to the Working Group on ABS in accordance with COP decision VIII/4 C5.

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- The workshop results will feed into a side event during one of the next meetings of the Working Group on ABS to present the recommendations to a broad audience in preparation for COP 9, Germany 2008.

Participants

The up to 40 participants include ABS National Focal Points and representatives of Competent National Authorities for ABS, negotiators in the last meeting of the ABS Working Group, staff of national research and development institutions, NGOs from the local, national and regional level, staff of international institutions, as well as relevant private sector representatives including farmers and breeders.

Date and venue

The workshop will be held from 28th to 30th March 2007 at the Institute of Biodiversity Conservation in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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Workshop Review



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Summary Report about the workshop including the proposed elements for an African position on the certificate of origin/source/legal provenance.

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40 stakeholders from all regions of Sub-Saharan Africa participated at this workshop which was hosted by the renowned Ethiopian Institute of Biodiversity Conservation. Experts from Ethiopia, Madagascar and Mozambique who had attended the global Lima meeting on the "Certificate of Origin" in January reported back to the workshop their specific viewpoints. The other participants included ABS National Focal Points and representatives of Competent National Authorities for ABS, negotiators in the last meeting of the ABS

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Working Group, staff of national research and development institutions, NGOs from the local, national and regional level, staff of international institutions, as well as relevant international private sector representatives including farmers and breeders.

On the first day, participants were warmly welcomed by the GTZ workshop convenors and were addressed by the Ethiopian State Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and a representative of the CBD Secretariat. Equipped with a couple of research questions on gene flow, the participants were given a guided tour through the gene bank of the Institute of Biodiversity Conservation and an presentation by the Institute’s Director General on the Ethiopian ABS legislation. In the afternoon, participants heard from the representative of the Secretariat of the CBD and the African experts who attended the Lima meeting and had a lively discussion on the applicability of the Lima recommendations on the African continent.

The second day was dedicated to the “reality check”. It centred on three bioprospecting cases: Hoodia gordonii from Southern Africa, Prunus africana from Cameroon, and alkaliphilic bacteria from Kenya. Participants were split into three moderated groups discussing how a Certificate in this particular case might have facilitated the process and might have contributed to ensure benefit-sharing. In the afternoon, participants made a field visit to a teff cereal farm about 70 km out of Addis Ababa, getting in direct touch with farmers exchanging production, storing and breeding methods. A highlight in the field was the presentation of a couple of teff products from the Netherlands (such as muesli bars, beer, bread and noodles) to the Ethiopian farmers including a discussion of their viewpoints on these goods.

Later the group watched a film about the Dutch-Ethiopian Teff ABS Agreement and engaged with a controversial panel discussion on the issues that included all relevant stakeholders of this case: representatives from the Farmers Association, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, Health and Performance Food International (HPFI) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The final day began with working groups reporting back about their discussion’s results of the three bioprospecting cases. Specifically, the groups provided their specific input on four elements of the certificate:

1. **Rational / Need / Objectives:** what would be the value added of a certificate?
2. **Name:** should it be a certificate of origin, source, legal provenance or compliance?
3. **Characteristics and features:** should it be voluntary or mandatory, what should it include, and who should regulate it?
4. **Implementation challenges:** how should benefits, costs and practicability issues be dealt with?

The afternoon session focussed on feeding the working groups’ output into a set of recommendations for a common African position. A task force composed of participants from all stakeholder groups drew up a draft set of recommendations which was further worked on in the entire plenary. The final recommendations were elaborated based on high quality, comprehensive and sometimes also conflictive discussions. They are reflecting now the agreed view of all participants. Only in one case - the name of the certificate – no common definition was agreed: some preferred to name it certificate of “origin and/or source” while others called for the more comprehensive “origin and source.”

The final evaluation revealed that the participants were very satisfied with all workshop elements: the results, the moderation, the methodology and the learning experiences they gained.

Negotiation Skills in the ABS Arena

Two trainings hosted by the

National Environment Management Council (NEMC)

16th to 18th May and 21st to 23rd May 2007, Arusha, Tanzania

Background

These trainings are part of the **Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa**. Background information about the Initiative and full documentation of previous workshops and events is provided on www.abs-africa.info. This website was launched under this Initiative to provide a platform for information exchange and it is envisaged to develop it further into an **ABS Clearinghouse for Africa**.

Negotiations between different stakeholder groups play a crucial role in the development and implementation of ABS legislation and regulations at the international as well as at the national level. Furthermore, getting to mutually agreed terms (MAT) with appropriate benefit-sharing regulations is vital for successful bioprospecting agreements. However, practice reveals that negotiating partners are often not equally empowered to sit at level eyes at the negotiating table.

Therefore, the development of negotiation skills is mentioned as one of the key issues in the *CBD Action Plan on Capacity-Building for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing*, which was adopted by COP 7 in February 2004, as well as in the capacity-building needs assessment undertaken during the conceptualisation phase of this initiative (www.abs-africa.info/cbneeds.html).

Not necessarily unique to the ABS arena, complex negotiation processes in the field of sustainable development, environmental protection or resource conservation involve working with many different partners, interest groups and funding bodies, and require constructive negotiating skills. Stakeholders must be able to spotlight topics, represent their interests, develop workable solutions and at the same time maintain good relations with the negotiating parties. Furthermore, in the varied relationship structures between actors with differing degrees of power and divergent interests, some stakeholders may find that they are not exactly in the strongest position.

Objectives of the training

After the training, participants will be able to find constructive and sustainable solutions to both bilateral negotiating situations and complex group negotiations in the environmental arena. Particular consideration will be given not only to specific situations and topics taken from the ABS arena, but also to intercultural aspects of negotiating.

Training contents

The training is based on the Harvard method. This is the world's leading negotiating concept and is used both in the political arena and in bilateral and multilateral negotiating situations in everyday and professional life. The training will consist of the following elements:

- Assessing your own personal negotiating style
- Avoiding situations in which parties bargain over positions
- Separating and appropriately treating people and the problem
- Analysing own interests and those of the other party
- Inventing and using options
- Using objective criteria
- Developing a best alternative to a negotiated agreement (BATNA)
- Negotiating in delegations: dynamics, strategic roles, planning negotiations
- Taking into account (inter-)cultural negotiating patterns

The following **teaching tools** will be applied:

- Short interactive lectures and discussions using visual aids
- Experiments and simulation exercises with bilateral and multilateral negotiating situations
- Seminar reader to accompany the course

Participants

The up to **15 participants in each of the two trainings** include ABS National Focal Points and representatives of Competent National Authorities for ABS, negotiators in the last meeting of the ABS Working Group, staff of national research and development institutions, NGOs from the local, national and regional level, staff of international institutions, as well as relevant private sector representatives including farmers and breeders.

Preference will be given to participants from Eastern Africa, as the training will be offered in the other African regions at a later stage of the implementation of the Initiative.

Dates and venue

The trainings will be held from

- **16th to 18th May 2007 (T1)** and
- **21st to 23rd May 2007 (T2)**

at the Moivaro Lodge (www.moivaro.com/moivaro_coffee_lodge.htm) in Arusha, Tanzania.

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NEGOTIATION SKILLS IN THE ABS ARENA

Intensive training course for national and international specialists and managers

Arusha, Tanzania

May 16 -18, 2007 (Course 1)

May, 21 – 23, 2007 (Course 2)



REPORT

Elaborated by Dirk Jung (Trainer)
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Annex

List of Participants

1. Context and Objectives of the Training

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The training course is based on the “Harvard methodology” which is since more than 20 years the world’s leading negotiating concept being used both in the political arena and in bilateral and multilateral negotiating situations in everyday and professional life.

The training course aimed at enabling the participants to find constructive and sustainable solutions to both bilateral negotiating situations and complex group negotiations in the environmental/biodiversity arena.

2. Programme and Working Steps

Both courses (May 16-18 and 21-23) followed the same structure of working steps:

Day 1

Introduction

- ▶ Presentation of the participants including the specific areas where they need and apply negotiation skills in everyday professional life.
- ▶ “What is my personal negotiation style?” Establishment of an individual profile using a psychological questionnaire.
- ▶ Background and conceptual roots of the HARVARD methodology: Prisoners’ Dilemma, strategic interdependence and win-win approaches. Examples of non-constructive approaches (win-loose).

Basics of the HARVARD methodology

- ▶ Avoiding position fightings – and how to make the “cake” bigger for all.

- ▶ Input: Analysis of interests and creation of a win-win situation
- ▶ Bi-lateral negotiation exercise

Introduction of a complex ABS simulation scenario

- ▶ Introduction of the basic scenario
- ▶ Formation of 4 stakeholder groups (the negotiation partners)
- ▶ Analysis of interests and first meeting of the negotiation partners
- ▶ Feedback from the trainer

Day 2

- ▶ Input: Developing options and how to use them in negotiations
- ▶ Input: The functions and tools of the chairperson/moderator
- ▶ Second meeting of the negotiation partners
- ▶ Feedback from the trainer
- ▶ Informal negotiations between the stakeholder groups
- ▶ Input: Next-best Alternative (NBA) and “dirty tricks”

Day 3

- ▶ Third meeting of the negotiation partners
- ▶ Feedback from the trainer and processing of results
- ▶ Assessment of the HARVARD methodology: Strengths, Weaknesses, Chances.
- ▶ How to “make your point” in negotiations: the 5-sentence technique. Individual exercises with the “hot chair”.
- ▶ Evaluation of the course.

3. Comparison of Course 1 and 2

Although both groups were almost equally satisfied with the content and the methodology of the course, the group dynamic showed quite different developments in course 1 and 2. From the perspective of the trainer, the first group was much more active, easier to motivate and more energetic than the second group. It also assimilated the complexity of the scenario of the simulation game easier than the second group which had obviously difficulties to “digest” the given information and transfer it into strategic decisions and behaviour.

One explanation for these differences refers to the different “mixture” of personalities in these groups: The second group contained a considerably higher amount of elderly persons, persons (mainly from communities and NGOs) which were rather “shy” and persons from francophone countries reluctant to express themselves in English.

4. Evaluation

At the end of both courses, the participants were invited to state their degree of agreement according to certain statements about the course. The results of this quantitative evaluation are shown below:

Evaluation Course 1

	++	+	+/-	-
I learned useful things for my work	12	2		
The learning methodology supported my learning process	11	3		
The group dynamic was good	12	2		
I feel encouraged to apply HARVARD in my everyday life	12	2		
I would recommend this course to colleagues	13	1		

Evaluation Course 2

	++	+	+/-	-
I learned useful things for my work	15			
The learning methodology supported my learning process	14	1		
The group dynamic was good	14	1		
I feel encouraged to apply HARVARD in my everyday life	13	2		
I would recommend this course to colleagues	15			

Apart from this quite encouraging result many participants expressed their great interest in offering more of these courses especially for community-based groups. This included the need to train local trainers in this methodology and didactics.

From the perspective of the trainer, most of the participants seem to have benefited considerably from the training. None of them knew before any methodology of how to negotiate, and the simple structure of the HARVARD approach will help them to remember at least some of the basic rules when they come into they will have handele a concrete negotiation situation.

5. Recommendations

- ▶ The scenario for the complex simulation game should be simplified, or at least made available in a more complex and a simpler version.
- ▶ The training of regional trainers seems to be the necessary next step. There are two models of how to realize such a ToT:
 - A group of 4-5 experienced trainers attends the course as “normal” participants and gets afterwards a 2 days-

“upgrading course” about teaching methods, detailed didactic planning and more information about the HARVARD methodology.

- The second model seems to be more effective: After having participated in the training course, the future trainers have to conduct immediately their “own” training course, while the expatriate “master trainer” is coaching them and gives feedback. This approach creates a positive stress for the future trainers and allows the “master trainer” to assess the talents and capabilities of the new trainers through a life situation.
- ▶ The course design and the “mixture” of participants should be more differentiated. Especially, the participants from the communities stay shy and silent in the presence of experienced negotiators, academic teachers, “experts”, etc. A special version of this course should be developed for this target group.
- ▶ The participants wanted to have at least half a day off to enjoy a little bit the place and the nearby city. Travelling to another country doesn’t mean for them just to spend 3 days in a classroom and fly back again...

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Business, Biodiversity and Benefit-Sharing: Exploring Best Practices for Biotrade and ABS

A workshop organized in cooperation with

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18th to 20th June 2007, Windhoek, Namibia

Background

This workshop is part of the **Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa**. Background information about the Initiative and full documentation of previous workshops and events is provided on www.abs-africa.info. This website was launched under the Initiative to provide a platform for information exchange and it is envisaged to develop it further into an **ABS Clearinghouse for Africa**.

Despite many controversial discussions on nature, scope and elements of an international regime on access to genetic resources and the sharing of benefits generated from their utilisation it is obvious to all actors that without access to biological or genetic resources **no benefits can be generated by the private sector, which could be shared between the users and providers** of such resources for the benefit of biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation. Negotiations of the international regime are mainly driven by the governments – the private sector is participating as an observer.

Due to legal uncertainty and the risk to be pinpointed as a “biopirate” some companies have pulled out from natural products research and development. On the other hand it is obvious that bioprospecting as well as the utilisation of biological and/or genetic resources is an ongoing process in many countries. However, the interpretation of the scope of the third objective of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) varies in different national legislations due to the **lack of clear and internationally agreed definitions**, for instance, what has to be understood under the terms “biological resource” and “genetic resource” in practice. In this situation of regulatory uncertainty, some international initiatives with a main focus on biotrade are trying to **provide guidance to the relevant stakeholders** especially the private sector:

- The BioTrade Facilitation Programme (**BTFP**) of the UNTAD BioTrade Initiative is elaborating practical guidelines to facilitate the equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of biological resources in BioTrade activities (www.biotrade.org/BTFP/BS/Benefit-sharing.htm). PhytoTrade Africa is implementing the BTFP in Southern Africa. For more information see www.phytotradeafrica.com.
- The recently launched International Standard for Sustainable Wild Collection of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (**ISSC-MAP**) includes criteria relating to ABS and the benefit-

sharing requirement of CBD Article 8j on traditional knowledge (www.floraweb.de/map-pro).

Objectives of the workshop

Recognising the key role of the private sector in achieving the third objective of the CBD this workshop is designed to provide government institutions and other stakeholders an insight into how biological and/or genetic resources get transformed into the ingredients of commercial products. Such understanding is seen as a prerequisite to draft meaningful and applicable national legislation as well as to negotiate a practicable international regime on ABS which will facilitate research and product development (R&D) and at the same time ensure benefit-sharing.

Against this background and to facilitate the exchange between legislators and the private sector the strategic objectives of the workshop are as follows:

- Explore the role and contribution of the private sector in the ABS and biotrade sector within the framework of public-private-partnerships (PPP) and other intervention areas.
- Identify best practices for ABS and biotrade in Southern Africa, such as different approaches to benefit-sharing, and ways to minimize costs to conform to regulatory ABS requirements.
- Explore the borders and grey areas between ABS and biotrade and thereby contribute to the discussion on the scope of the international regime as well as national legislation.

Programme overview

The workshop will consist of the following elements of work:

Establishing the current situation

The private sector and research institutions involved in bioprospecting and biotrade are invited to provide an overview on how biological and/or genetic resources get transformed into the ingredients of commercial products with a view to understand the different actors involved along the value chain and the different channels to the market. A first discussion will provide an insight into the difficulties of how ABS regulations can be applied to and by the private sector.

Demystifying ABS requirements

Existing legislative approaches, e.g. Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa and Namibia will serve as examples to come to practical solutions for regulating ABS with a view to ensure benefit-sharing and facilitate access. Practical examples and feedback based on the experiences of the participants will highlight best practices and areas for further improvement.

Shedding light into grey areas

Building on the results and recommendations elaborated so far, brainstorming on the so-called grey areas of ABS and biotrade will provide ideas and potential solutions from the commercial as well as the regulatory perspective. Grey areas include the distinction of bio-

logical vs. genetic resources, benefit-sharing for transboundary resources and traditional knowledge, as well as engaging in ABS in the absence of national regulations, which is still the case for most African countries.

Engaging in ABS: Benefits for the private sector and measures beyond legislation

Despite legal uncertainty and the risk to be pinpointed as “biopirate” many companies depend on access to biological and/or genetic resources for product research and development to remain competitive in the market. Brainstorming the benefits that such companies can gain from engaging in ABS, such as high corporate social responsibility rankings, and measures beyond legislation, which assist such companies to conform to ABS requirements and minimize transaction costs, will contribute to initiate a dialogue between the different stakeholders and outline a way forward for establishing best practices for ABS.

Products of the workshop

- Recommendations regarding the identified grey areas in the ABS discussion, especially the scope of the international regime.
- Recommendations for measures beyond legislation to assist companies to engage in ABS and to conform to ABS requirements.
- A report that will be transmitted to the CBD Secretariat for distribution as an information document for the 5th meeting of the Working Group on ABS.
- The workshop results will feed into a side event during one of the next meetings of the Working Group on ABS to present the recommendations to a broad audience in preparation for COP 9, Germany 2008.

Participants

The up to 40 participants include private sector representatives involved in biotrade and bioprospecting, ABS National Focal Points and representatives of Competent National Authorities for ABS, negotiators in the last meeting of the ABS Working Group, relevant international institutions as well as NGOs from the local, national and regional level with practical experiences in the implementation of relevant projects and/or business initiatives.

Date and venue

The workshop will be held in the Safari Hotel in Windhoek, Namibia, from 18th to 20th June 2007.

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Workshop Review

The Workshop “**Business, Biodiversity and Benefit-Sharing: Exploring Best Practices for Biotrade and ABS**” was convened in cooperation with the Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and PhytoTrade Africa.

48 stakeholders from 11 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa participated in this workshop. The focus of the workshop was the private sector with representatives from Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom and Germany. The other participants included research, governmental, and non-governmental institutions, as well as UN-institutions dealing with either/or genetic and biological resources.

On the first day, participants were warmly welcomed by the GTZ workshop convenors and were addressed by the German Ambassador. In the course of the day the stage was set for discussing issues relating to commercial research, biodiversity and benefit-sharing. Participants were divided into six groups and each of these groups discussed three issues. They were:

- The legal framework for ABS (based on the CBD and the Bonn Guidelines) with a special focus on the Certificate of Origin,
- The framework for biotrade (based on the UNCTAD research) and
- The perspectives of the private sector on both ABS and biotrade.

The second day was dedicated to addressing the existing legislations and regulations in South Africa, Namibia and Ethiopia showcasing different examples of biotrade and/or ABS. ABS legislation and regulation and aspects relating to ABS agreements around traditional knowledge and genetic resources were presented and discussed. The South African Biodiversity Institute and the Medical Research Council presented on SA law and use of medicinal plants; the Vernonia case between the Ethiopian Institute for Biodiversity Conservation and Vernique Biotech (UK) was presented by representatives from both these sectors; and the agreement relating to indigenous natural products between the Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism and the Centre for Research Information Action in Africa was presented by both the ministry and the research institute.

The final day began with three working groups reporting back on their insights of the previous day's presentations. These insights contributed towards demystifying ABS requirements. Gaps in the ABS system

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were highlighted and solutions were proposed. The gaps were classified under three main heads. These heads were:

- ABS International Regime
- Biotrade
- National Implementation

The final evaluation revealed that the participants were satisfied with the overall group dynamic and all workshop elements such as preparation, moderation, organisation, methodology and the fieldtrip. The majority improved their knowledge on the distinctions between ABS and biotrade distinctions and the grey areas therein. Most participants felt that the workshop was useful for their work. A mutual understanding between different stakeholders from private sector, governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as research institutions was established.

Montreal WS 10/2007

Capacity Building and Briefing of African Delegates prior to the 5th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing

A workshop organized in cooperation with the African Union Commission (www.africa-union.org), Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (www.cisdsl.org), Government of Québec (www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca), Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie (www.iepf.org), and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (www.cbd.int/abs)



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The workshop was successful in the sense of the lessons and insights it provided the Initiative for such future endeavors especially the forthcoming workshop prior to the ABS WG 6 meeting in Geneva in January 2008. The African delegates present at the workshop had varying degrees of experience on the issues before them. The capacity development was therefore extremely useful for those of them who had just begun to come to grips with the nuances of ABS. There were other African delegates however who had followed the ABS negotiations for a number of years and found some of the workshop information was covering the ground they were already familiar with.

After the morning session of the second day of the workshop there was much discussion amongst the African delegates as to whether it would be more fruitful to break with the workshop agenda and instead focus on the Grenada text that was to be discussed at the ABS WG 5 meeting. A decision was made to

discuss the Grenada text. This episode in many ways was telling to the Initiative as to the mood and the tenor of the African delegates prior to negotiation meetings. There was a careful reviewing by the Initiative as to the way forward at the next workshop prior to the ABS WG 6 meeting. One of the suggestions was to have a workshop that focused less on training and more as a forum to discuss the negotiation documents, the other suggestion was to explain with greater care the purpose of the workshop and the expected outcomes since some of the African delegates were confused about this, a third suggestion was to reduce the days devoted to the workshop from two to one. The Initiative's next such workshop prior to the ABS WG 6 meeting in Geneva is currently back on the drawing board being significantly rethought based on the insights gleaned from the Montreal workshop.

Marrakech Atelier 11/2007

Renforcement de capacités en matière d'accès aux ressources génétiques et de partage des avantages (APA)

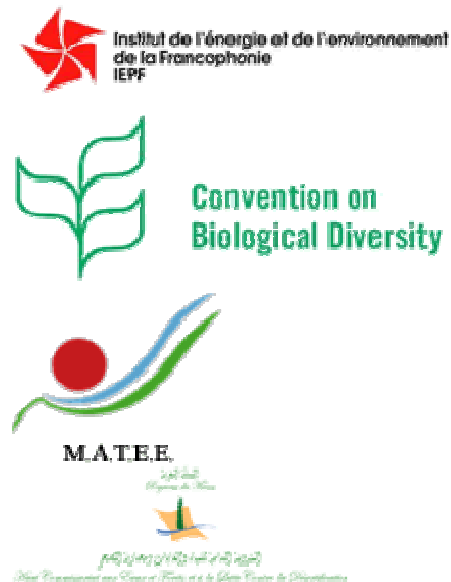
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le Secrétariat de la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique (www.cbd.int) et

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Date

19-23 Novembre

Lieu

Marrakech, Maroc

Cet atelier s'inscrit dans le cadre de l'Initiative Germano-Néerlandaise de renforcement des capacités en matière d'APA en Afrique et regroupera les différentes parties prenantes du processus APA des pays de l'Afrique francophone (Maghreb, Afrique de l'Ouest et autres).

L'atelier visera à :

- informer les participants sur l'état du processus APA au niveau international
- les informer sur l'avancement des négociations de la 5ème réunion du groupe de travail APA qui aura lieu du 8 au 12 octobre à Montréal, Canada

- échanger et discuter des approches de réglementation/législation des différents pays participants
- échanger au sujet des cas de bioprospection des différents pays participants
- discuter de sujets tels que l'APA et les aires protégées et l'APA et le commerce mondial.

Une excursion sur le terrain où un cas de bioprospection (probablement le cas d'Argan) sera présenté et discuté, servira de cas d'étude par l'intermédiaire duquel les multiples aspects du processus APA pourront être illustrés.

Il est également prévu que les participants élaborent une feuille de route et des recommandations à présenter au prochain atelier global de l'Initiative qui aura lieu du 3 au 7 décembre 2007 à Nairobi, Kenya.

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3rd to 7th December 2007, Nairobi, Kenya

Background

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The first continent wide workshop under this initiative was held in November 2006 in Cape Town, South Africa. Participants developed a vision for access and benefit-sharing in Africa to provide guidance and a sound basis for the further activities under the initiative. They also agreed on a roadmap of joint activities for achieving this vision. A number of workshops with regional or issue based focus and trainings have been organized since then under the initiative, including the recent briefing for the African negotiators in Montreal, Canada, prior to the 5th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group for Access and Benefit-Sharing (WGABS-5).

Objectives of the workshop

Building on this background the objectives of the workshop are to

- take stock of the first year of implementation of the three year capacity development programme for ABS in the African region and provide guidance for its further implementation;
- continue exchanging experiences with bioprospecting cases in the region to foster the implementation of ABS regulations at the national and local level – new cases and follow-up on case studies discussed in previous workshops under the initiative – and to build a broad basis for the development of best practices for ABS in Africa;

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- reflect on the outcomes of WGABS-5 and discuss elements relevant for Africa on the agenda of the up-coming WGABS-6 in January 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Programme overview

The workshop will consist of the following elements of work:

Review of the Cape Town vision and roadmap

Revisit the vision developed in a participatory manner during the Cape Town workshop and the reflections towards this vision elaborated in regional workshops for the COMIFAC as well as West and North Africa. This will provide an opportunity to exchange on the long term perspective and help bringing “newcomers” to the initiative on board. A roadmap for activities by the initiative as well as others needs to be developed for 2008.

Towards best practices for ABS

Participants are invited to present bioprospecting experiences as examples: to come to practical solutions for regulating and implementing ABS with a view to ensure benefit-sharing and facilitate access. Hands-on cases and feedback based on the experiences of the participants will highlight best practices and areas for further improvement. Highlighting experiences and approaches of the *Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)* special focus will be set on the funding potential through ABS for protected areas.

Discussing elements for the International Regime

The agenda of WGABS-6 will be introduced and recommendations for African positions will be formulated building on a discussion of the outcomes of WGABS-5, in particular the new documents as the Co-chairs reflections and compilation. Discussing these papers in light of the African contributions to the previous meeting will help to underline the immense value of a well prepared common position as a regional group.

Products of the workshop

- Contributions to the compilation of bioprospecting case studies and experiences reports.
- Proposed elements for an African position on the International Regime as input for the planned African Delegates briefing prior to WGABS-6 in January 2008 in Geneva.
- Tentatively a report that will be transmitted to the CBD Secretariat for distribution as an information document for the 6th meeting of the Working Group on ABS.

Participants

The up to 70 participants include private sector representatives involved in biotrade and bioprospecting, ABS National Focal Points and representatives of Competent National Authorities for ABS, negotiators in the last meeting of the ABS Working Group, relevant international

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institutions as well as NGOs from the local, national and regional level with practical experiences in the implementation of relevant projects and/or business initiatives.

Date and venue

The workshop will be held from 3rd to 7th December 2007 in the Thomas R. Odhiambo Conference Hall of *icipe* in Nairobi, Kenya. Accommodation will be provided in the *icipe* guest house and nearby facilities.

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Workshop review

Falling at a crucial time in the ongoing negotiation of an international regime on access and benefit sharing, the second ABS capacity development workshop for Africa convened in Nairobi, Kenya. Exactly a year after the first meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, it provided 76 participants from 18 countries, representing a variety of stakeholders, with a chance to further develop their thinking on ABS at the local, national, regional and international levels. Specifically, it represented a vantage point from which to take stock of the progress since Cape Town and to look ahead; it provided a forum for representatives from across Africa to share their experiences and perspectives on ABS; and it allowed for the development of messages from the participants to the African negotiators of the international regime.

One of the significant outputs of the Cape Town workshop was a vision, crafted by a number of disparate stakeholder groups which paints a picture of an ideal ABS scenario. That vision has been further developed at intervening regional workshops. Participants reviewed the vision and had a chance to re-assess its elements with a view to building on the roadmap towards its operationalization. Towards this aim, participants worked in groups representing the African Union, the Southern African Development

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Community and the East African Community to assess the compatibility and replicability of the Central Africa Forests Commission's strategic plan on ABS for their regions. This approach reflects the workshop's aim of engendering a meeting between theory and policy.

The workshop moved from the policy level to the ground level via a number of presentations of the latest bioprospecting cases in Africa including: Marula oil from Namibia, Baringo aloe from Kenya, *Prunus africana* in Uganda and Thaumatin from Côte d'Ivoire, malarial remedies from Uganda, and the Kenyan product Naturub. Participants also heard presentations linking ABS to the management and funding of protected areas. This gave participants an opportunity to reflect upon the specific considerations of widely differing ABS cases. A visit to the Kenyan Wildlife Service headquarters, combined with a close look at a bioprospecting Memorandum of Understanding between KWS and [Novozymes](#), a Danish company, deepened the exercise, making a case for attention to be given to the "market-approach".

The workshop shifted its focus to the international level with the help of the Co-chairs of the ABS working group, Messrs Fernando Casas and Timothy Hodges and a number of African Region negotiators. While a representative from the CBD presented on the latest developments of the negotiations, the Co-chairs provided input on the upcoming meeting in Geneva in January (WGABS-6) as well as their comments on the process and on the way forwards. African negotiators also provided their input, specifically dealing with the region's strategies and positions. The main output of the meeting were a set of recommendations to be forwarded to the negotiators providing the participants' input under the six main agenda items for WGABS-6, namely: benefit sharing; access; compliance (certificate); TK; capacity building; and scope, nature and objectives.

The meeting took place at icipe - African Insect Science for Food and Health who provided accommodation and conference facilities, and presented an opportunity for participants to observe their groundbreaking work on combating invasive species.

Annex 2:
List of Participants

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