



African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 7th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing

30th to 31st March 2009

Room VI (SS1), UNESCO, Paris, France

Programme

Monday, 30 th	Opening and Adoption of the Agenda
8.00	Registration
9.00	Welcome and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NN <i>Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)</i> ▪ NN
9.25	Introduction and Adoption of the Agenda
	Reports on preparatory meetings held at the sub-regional level
9.30	Presentation of process and key results, questions and answers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ABS & CEPA (Nairobi, 03/09) NN ▪ GTBAC meetings (Douala, 08/08, xx/08, 03/09) NN ▪ Regional Workshop West Africa, Maghreb and Indian Ocean Islands (Dakar, 10/08): NN ▪ 3rd pan-African ABS Capacity Development Workshop (Antsiranana, 11/08): NN ▪ Supporting ABS negotiations (Paris, 02/09 and Addis Ababa, 03/09) NN
11.00	Coffee Break
	The intersessional ABS process since COP 9
11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Bonn Roadmap and the GTLE meetings in Windhoek (12/08) and Tokyo (01/09) <i>Valérie Normand, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</i> ▪ Introduction of the African submission to WG ASB 7 NN, Namibia
12.30	Lunch

Substantive walk through the agenda of WGABS 7

14.00	Presentation of technical briefs and discussion of the African submission <i>NN</i>
15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00	Presentation of technical briefs and discussion of the African submission – <i>contd.</i>
17.30	Roadmap of the Initiative towards WGABS 8 – presentation and discussion
18.00	Closure of the day

Tuesday, 31st

African Group Coordination

Proposed Agenda Items:

1. Formulating regional consensual positions based on the deliberations of the previous day
2. Division of WGABS 7 agenda items among representatives and identification of lead countries that coordinate positions and act as spokespersons during WGABS 7 deliberations
3. Coordination and schedule of regional meetings during WGABS 7
4. Other matters
5. Closure of the meeting

9.00	1st Session
10.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00	2nd Session
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00	3rd Session
15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00	4th Session
17.30	Closure of the day