



Forth Pan-African ABS Capacity Development Workshop

hosted by the

Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)

5th to 10th December 2009, Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel, Cairo, Egypt



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Programme

Saturday 05.12.2009	
	Arrival in Cairo
16.45	Departure from hotel
18.00	Opening Ceremony at Cairo House <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valérie Normand, <i>CBD Secretariat</i> Bente Herstad, <i>Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)</i> Thierry Verdel, <i>Université Léopold Sédar Senghor, La Francophonie</i> H.E. Susan Blankhart, <i>Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands</i> H.E. Michael Bock, <i>Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany</i> H.E. Engineer Maged George Elias, <i>Minister of State for Environmental Affairs of Egypt</i> Film "3rd Pan-African ABS Workshop, Madagascar" Introduction: <i>Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Africa Initiative, Germany</i>
19.30	Cocktail hosted by the Government of Egypt
Sunday, 06.12.2009	
09.00	Setting the Scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction (<i>Andreas Drews, ABS Africa Initiative, Germany</i>) Technical remarks (moderators) Getting acquainted (moderators)
10.00	Updates from the sub-regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) <i>Emmanuel Bayani, Groupe de Travail Biodiversité d'Afrique Central (GTBAC), Gabon (tbc.)</i> Western Africa and the Maghreb <i>Samuel Diemé, Direction des Parcs Nationaux, Senegal</i>
10.30	Coffee break

11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern and Southern Africa <i>Dr. Ossama El-Tayeb, EEAA, Egypt</i> <p>Review on the thematic work</p> <p><i>Talk show with</i></p> <p>Chouaibou Nchoutpouen, COMIFAC, Cameroon (tbc.) Kabir Bavikatte, Natural Justice, South Africa Lucy Mulenkei, Indigenous Information Network, Kenya (tbc.) Mouhamed Drabo, Burkina Faso Olivier Rukundo, CISDL, Canada Pierre du Plessis, CRIAA-SADC, Namibia Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Africa Initiative, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEPA for ABS • ABS and forests • ABS and traditional knowledge • ABS and business
12.30	Lunch
14.00	<p>ABS – Where do we come from, where do we go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process, challenges and mile stones <i>Valerie Normand, SCBD</i> <p>ABS experiences in Benin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABS in Benin between practice and legislation <i>Dr. Ahokanou Fernand Gbaguidi, Laboratoire National de Pharmacognosie/CBRST, Benin</i> <i>Bienvenu Bossou, National ABS Focal Point, Benin</i> <i>Natalie Poupaert, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium</i>
15.30	Coffee break
16.00	<p>ABS and traditional knowledge – linking up with the local level in Egypt <i>presentations followed by discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel approaches towards involving local communities in conservation, management and sustainable use of biological resources and associated traditional knowledge to enhance their livelihood: the experience from the five year GEF/UNDP Medicinal Plants Conservation Project (MPCP) <i>Dr. Omar Abdeldayem, Project Manager MPCP</i> • Developing necessary guarantees for preserving rights of local communities to benefits: best practices & lessons learned <i>Hajj Jameel Ateya, Chairman of the Medicinal Plants Association St. Catherine and Dr. Omar Abdeldayem, Project Manager MPCP</i> • Traditional knowledge data collection program – experiences of the MCPC <i>Hajj Ahmad Mansour, traditional healer and herbalist and Adel Soliman Tageldeen, Assistant Manager MPCP</i>
17.30	End of day

Monday, 07.12.09	
09.00	ABS and Protected Areas <i>presentations followed by discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction <i>Andreas Drews, ABS Africa Initiative, Germany</i> Bioprospecting in the South Eastern Deserts of Egypt and Sudan <i>Dr. Hoda Yacoub, EEAA, Wadi Alaqi Protected Area</i>
10.00	Coffee break
10.30	Departure from hotel to Wadi El-Rayan Protected Area
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Wadi El-Rayan Protected Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview on ABS in protected areas in Egypt: Research activities in Wadi El-Rayan <i>Dr. Moustafa Fouda, EEAA, Egypt</i>
14.15	Field visit – with focus on algae research
16.00	Coffee break
16.30	Departure and return to hotel
18.30	End of day
Tuesday, 08.12.09	
09.00	Analysis of ABS experiences in Benin and Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short summary of the experiences Group discussion on cross-cutting issues “behind” the cases Report to plenary and final conclusions
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	ABS and African realities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABS in Africa: realities, opportunities, challenges and constraints <i>Pierre du Plessis, CRIAA-SADC, Namibia</i> Group work: Points for consideration by the African negotiators
12.30	Lunch
14.00	Report back from the negotiations of the international regime on ABS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statements and discussion <i>Tim Hodges, Co-Chair of WGABS</i>
15.00	Coffee break

15.30	<u>Parallel session A</u> The mechanisms of ABS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Art. 15 and Bonn Guidelines <i>Valerie Normand, SCBD</i> The implementation challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group discussions• Report to plenary and discussion	<u>Parallel session B</u> Regional consultations of the ABS negotiators
18.00	End of day	
Wednesday, 09.12.09		
09.00	<u>Parallel session A</u> Biocultural protocols and traditional knowledge <i>Kabir Bavikatte, Natural Justice, South Africa</i>	<u>Parallel session B</u> Regional consultations of the ABS negotiators
10.30	Coffee break	
11.00	<u>Parallel session A</u> ABS and forests <i>Chouaibou Nchoutpouen, COMIFAC, Cameroon</i> <i>Olivier Rukundo, CISDL, Canada</i>	<u>Parallel session B</u> Regional consultations of the ABS negotiators
12.30	Lunch	
14.00	<u>Parallel session A</u> CEPA for ABS <i>Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Africa Initiative, Germany</i>	<u>Parallel session B</u> Regional consultations of the ABS negotiators
16.00	Coffee break	
16.30	Sharing basic findings and lessons of the parallel sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel discussion	
17.15	Messages to the African Minister Conference on ABS in March 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group discussions• Constitution of a drafting team	
18.30	End of day	
Thursday, 10.12.09		
08.00	Messages to the African Minister Conference on ABS in March 2010 (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and discussion of draft text	
09.30	Coffee break	
10.00	Roadmap of the ABS Initiative for 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation and discussion	

11.00	Messages to the African Minister Conference on ABS in March 2010 (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of final text
12.00	Workshop evaluation and closing
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Tentative visit of the pyramids