

MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS ON BIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY PROTOCOLS

Dates: 2 - 3 September 2010

Place: The Cape Town Lodge & Conference Center, Cape Town, South Africa

Organisers: Hosted by **Natural Justice** (Lawyers for Communities and the Environment) and supported by the **ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa**.

Objectives of the Meeting

- 1) To review the existing rights-based approaches (RBAs) to biological resources and traditional knowledge that participants are currently engaged in, what is/not working
- 2) To evaluate the potential of bio-cultural community protocols (BCPs) to augment existing RBAs to securing the ways of life and FPIC of IPLCs with respect to any activities undertaken by the State or non-community actors that impact a community's resources and knowledge
- 3) To collectively discuss the viability and utility of establishing an African collective of representatives of existing ILC and CBO networks that will coordinate activities, share experiences, create linkages and develop capacity on the use of BCPs at community, national and regional levels

AGENDA

Day One: Laying the foundations – BCPs and RBAs

9h00 Welcome and Introductions

10h00 Introduction: the context of Bio-cultural Community Protocols (Andreas Drews, ABS Initiative)

10h30 Tea/Coffee Break

10h50 Panel 1: *What do rights seek to protect?*

The Story of Origin: Tetu Maingi from Porini, Kenya

Participatory Cultural Mapping: Million Bellay from Melca Mahiber, Ethiopia

Endogenous Development and Rights Based Approaches: Bern Guri from CIKOD, Ghana

11h55 Panel 2: *What are the different kinds of community rights to biodiversity?*

REDD and Rights Based Approaches: Nigel Crawhall from IPACC, South Africa

Community Management of Conservancies and Community Rights: Karen Nott from IRDNC, Namibia

Campaign for Livestock Keepers Rights: Jacob Wanyama from LIFE Network Africa, Kenya

13h00 Lunch Break

14h00 Panel 3: *What are the ways to secure community rights?*
Rights Based Approaches: The Six Step Process: Juan Carlos Sanchez from IUCN
International Environmental Law Centre, Germany
Community Contracts and Securing Community Rights: Jerzy Koopman, Life Science
Law Counsel, Netherlands
Customary Land Use and Customary Law: Rachel Syndey Knight from IDLO,
Mozambique

15h00 Role Play: a Bio-cultural Community Protocol Scenario
(Tea/Coffee Break included)

16h35 Role Play Session Reporting

17h00 Pulling the strands together and Discussion

17h30 End of Day One

Optional Evening Activity

18h00 Film on BCP's

18h15 IUCN Rights Based Approach Portal: Juan Carlos Sanchez

Day Two: Challenges and Next Steps

8h30 Summary of Main Issues identified on Day One

8h40 Key Note Presentation on Bio-cultural Community Protocols (Natural Justice and
Rodney A. Sibuye, Bushbuckridge)

9h40 Discussion

10h10 Tea/Coffee Break

10h30 Focus Group Discussions on BCPs
Opportunities, challenges and implementation

13h00 Lunch Break

14h00 Reporting Back

15h00 Focus Groups: The way forward for BCP's in Africa: Next Steps

15h30 Tea/Coffee Break

16h00 Next Steps: The African Collective (Plenary Discussion)

17h00 Conclusion: Wrap up and Meeting Evaluation

17h30 End of BCP Meeting