

**Regional Consultations for African Countries on ABS**  
**4-6th March 2010, Windhoek, Namibia**

**Annotated Agenda**

Thursday, 04.03.2010	
08.00	<b>Registration</b>
09.00	<b>Welcome Addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Andreas Drews, Manager of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa</li> <li>▪ Worku Damena Yifru, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>▪ Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Namibian Minister of Environment and Tourism</li> </ul>
09.30	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b>
09.45	<b>Selected Thematic Inputs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interlinkages of the international regime on ABS with other relevant international instruments - <i>Regine Anderson, Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI)</i></li> <li>▪ Status of the WIPO/IGC negotiations on intellectual property rights for genetic resources and traditional knowledge - <i>Susanna Chung, Permanent Mission of South Africa in Geneva and Olivier Rukundo, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)</i></li> </ul>
10.30	Coffee Break
11.00	<b>Selected Thematic Inputs – continued</b>
12.30	Lunch
14.00	<b>The International Regime on ABS (closed session)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical inputs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Analysis of WGABS 8 outcomes</li> <li>b. Analysis of Cairo meeting's recommendations and input</li> <li>c. Analysis of FoCC meeting's outcomes</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Analysis of key issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Key interests and priorities of the African Group</li> <li>b. Analysis of other regions and countries positions (inlight of the outcomes of WGABS 8)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Refining the African position on selected issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify technical areas for further elaboration, e.g. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Disclosure</li> <li>ii. BR/GR, derivatives and products vs. utilisation approach</li> <li>iii. Compliance at national and international level, incl. with the IR itself</li> <li>iv. Access Standards</li> <li>v. Capacity Development</li> <li>vi. Know how and technology transfer</li> <li>vii. Definitions (misappropriation, misuse etc.)</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Consideration of practical and technical implications of the various positions for the implementation of the IR after COP 10</li> <li>c. Identify areas for potential decision making at COP 10 HLS</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Political options and trade offs</li> </ol>
15.30	Coffee Break
16.00	<b>The International Regime on ABS (closed session) - continued</b>
17.30	End of day

**Friday, 05.03.2010**

<b>09.00</b>	<b>Consultation with ABS Co-Chairs</b> Status of the intersessional consultation process <i>Fernando Casas and Timothy Hodges</i> Questions and answers
<b>10.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.00</b>	<b>The International Regime on ABS (closed session) - continued</b>
<b>12.30</b>	Lunch
<b>14.00</b>	<b>The International Regime on ABS (closed session) - continued</b>
<b>15.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>16.00</b>	<b>The International Regime on ABS (closed session) - continued</b>
<b>17.30</b>	End of Day

**Saturday, 06.03.2010**

<b>09.00</b>	<b>Technical briefing paper for the Ministerial Consultation on ABS (closed session)</b>
<b>10.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Technical briefing paper (closed session) - continued</b>
<b>12.30</b>	Lunch
<b>14.00</b>	<b>Technical briefing paper (closed session) - continued</b>
<b>15.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>16.00</b>	<b>Other matters</b>
<b>17.15</b>	<b>Closure of the meeting</b>
<b>17.30</b>	End of day