

Expert Meeting on ABS and Intellectual Property Rights
5th to 9th September 2011
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Programme Summary

Monday, 5th September 2011

- Summary
- Welcome and Opening Statements
- Objectives of the Workshop and Getting to Know Each Other
- ABS Erklarix – ABS Simply Explained
- Introduction to ABS and the World Intellectual Property Organisation: Where Are We?
 - The Nagoya Protocol on ABS and its Links to Intellectual Property Rights
 - The World Intellectual Property and the World Trade Organisation Negotiation Process and its Links to ABS
- Intellectual Property Right Instruments and *Sui Generis* Systems for Protection
 - Intellectual Property Relevant to ABS and Traditional Knowledge
 - Intellectual Property Right Instruments: Patents and Geographical Indications
- Discussion of Sui Generis Systems
 - *Sui Generis* Systems in the Context of ABS and Traditional Knowledge
 - Protecting Traditional Knowledge – Considerations and Options
- Question & Answer Session with the Three Presenters

Tuesday, 6th September 2011

- Summary
- National Experience in Context
 - Namibia: Maruline Patented Marula Oil
 - South Africa: Sceletium Tortuosum
 - Kenya: Extremophile Bacteria, Lake Bogoria
 - Nigeria: The Larva of African Chironomid
 - Benin: Collaboration between the Laboratory of Pharmacognosy and the Catholic University of Leuven
- Identification of Opportunities and Challenges
- Ethiopia: The case of Teff

Wednesday, 7st September 2011

- Summary
- Reporting Back from Group Work on Day Two

- Intellectual Property Rights in National ABS Regulations and Mutually Agreed Terms Negotiations
 - Analysis of Patent Cases Relevant to ABS in Africa
- Reflections from the Perspective of Business
 - A Business Perspective on Intellectual Property Rights in National ABS Regulations and Mutually Agreed Terms Negotiations
- Regional Approaches and International Coordination – Overview of Relevant Regional Institutions and ABS/Intellectual Property Related Activities
 - The African Union
 - African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation
- Approaches to Dealing with Intellectual Property Rights in National Regulations and Mutually Agreed Terms Negotiations

Thursday, 8th September 2011

- Summary
- Plenary Discussion and Question & Answer Session on the Group Work of the Previous Day
- Monitoring and Tracking Genetic Resources
 - Disclosure Issues and Requirements: The Experience of Peru and the Andean Community
 - Tracking and Monitoring Genetic Resources in the Patent System
- What is needed in Prior Informed Consent, Mutually Agreed Terms, Access Permits and International Certificates to Make the System Work?

Friday, 9th September 2011

- Summary
- Prior Informed Consent, Mutually Agreed Terms, Access Permit and the International Certificate Guidelines Proposal Discussion
- Guidance for the ABS Initiative
- Clarifying the Way Forward
- Meeting Evaluation
- Thanks and Closure