

First ABS Workshop for the Caribbean Region

3rd - 4th September 2012, Hyatt Regency Trinidad Hotel, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Agenda

| Monday, 3 rd September 2012 | |
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| 08.30 | Registration |
| 09.00 | Welcome addresses by representatives of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCBD • CARICOM • ABS Capacity Development Initiative |
| 09.15 | Introduction of Participants |
| 09.30 | The Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ABS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS <i>by the SCBD</i> • Questions and answers |
| 10.15 | The ABS Capacity Development Initiative - Experiences in Regional Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Suhel al-Janabi, ABS Initiative</i> • Questions and answers |
| 11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 | Feed Back by Participants |
| 12.00 | The ABS Capacity Development Initiative - The Caribbean Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hartmut Meyer, ABS Initiative</i> • Questions and answers |
| 12.30 | CARICOM's Experiences in Regional Implementation of MEAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Anya Thomas, CARICOM Sustainable Development Programme</i> • Questions and answers |
| 13.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 | ABS-Issues and Challenges for the Caribbean Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Anita James, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology, St. Lucia & Member of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS</i> • Questions and answers |

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| 14:45 | Reports on national ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> input by delegates and the SCBD |
| 15:45 | ABS-relevant issues and cases in the Caribbean Region <p>a) Phytomedical Research Phytomedical research in Jamaica, a Caribbean small island developing state: from ethnomedicine to botanical products Sylvia Mitchell, Jamaica Medicinal Plant Research Group, The Biotechnology Centre, University of the West Indies</p> <p>b) Product Development 1 Local Communities' use of biodiversity and the impact of TRAMIL's contribution to R&D for commercialization and benefits to the local economy Laurent Jean Pierre, St. Lucia TRAMIL (Traditional Medicines of the Islands Program)</p> <p>20 min each</p> |
| 16.30 | Coffee break |
| 17:00 | <p>c) Product Development 2 Fulfilling CAPSICUM's mission and goals of advancing the use of herbals for health, a viable herbal industry and ensuring the protection of intellectual property rights and benefits Gilbertha St. Rose, St. Lucia CAPSICUM (Caribbean Association for Plant Science, Industry, Commerce and Use in Medicine)</p> <p>d) Indigenous Land and Resource Rights The Amerindian Law of 2006 and its ABS-related Provisions Melinda Janki, Guyana Justice Institute of Guyana</p> <p>e) Patents on Caribbean Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge First Overview on Results Concerning Guyana and The Bahamas Hartmut Meyer, Germany Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 min each |
| 18:00 | Closure |

Tuesday, 4th September 2012

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| | Group Work (4) on Opportunities and Gaps in Relation to the 8 Fields of Action 1. Ratification/implementation 2. Define an overall ABS policy/strategy ----- 3. Putting in place domestic ABS legislation and regulations 4. Stakeholder engagement ----- 5. Establish institutional arrangements, including Competent National Authorities 6. Dealing with trans-boundary issues ----- 7. Dealing with traditional knowledge 8. Valorisation strategy |
| 09:15 | Introduction and Formation of Groups |
| 09:50 | Group Work |
| 11:00 | Break |
| 11:15 | Group Reports and Plenary Discussion (8x 15min) |
| 13:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 | Group Work (4) on Capacity Development and Activities to Address the Opportunities and Gaps - at the national level - at the regional level |
| 15:30 | Preparing Group Reports |
| 15:45 | Group Reports |
| 17:00 | Break |
| 17:30 | Response by CARICOM on Regional Suggestions - prioritisation of capacity development and activities |
| 18:15 | Formation of an Interim Steering Group for the Caribbean Region |
| 19:00 | Suggestions for Pilot Activities at National and Regional Level |
| 19:15 | Closure of the Workshop |