

THE **ABS**
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DES CAPACITES
POUR L'**APA**

From Phalaborwa to Cotonou

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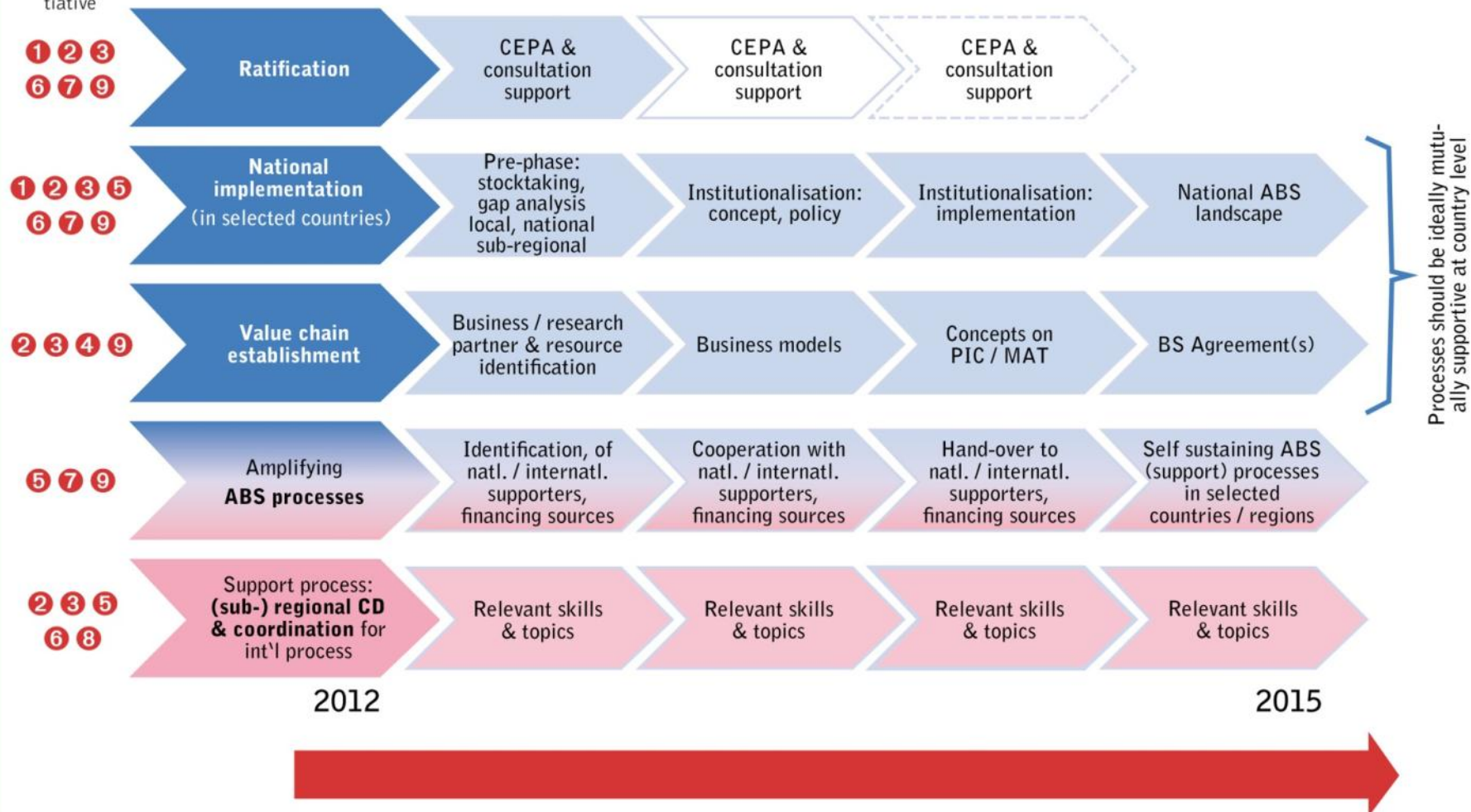
Building on previous achievements and exploring new approaches

2013:



Core processes addressed during the current implementation phase for attaining the objectives of the ABS Initiative.

Instruments
used by the Ini-
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Support for ratification and national implementation



Direct support to selected countries

- UNEP GEF-5 project: Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Senegal South Africa
- Other countries, e.g. Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia
- Central African Parliamentarians briefing on the Nagoya Protocol
- UNEP MSP kick-off workshop

Dialogue on Practical Ways forward for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

- India, Brazil, South Africa

Integrating Stakeholder views



Managing multi-stakeholder processes



- **Trainings** in English and French
- Follow-up: support for **participatory planning workshop** for ABS strategy in Benin (replicable format)

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

- Continued support to **African BCP Initiative**
- Cooperation with **GEF-SGP**: ABS projects approved in Benin, Niger and Vanuatu

Establishing value chains



- **3rd ABS Business Dialogue** in Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Pilot projects** with the private sector, e.g.
 - Echinops value chain in Cameroon
 - PPP between GIZ and LVMH: ABS compliant value chains (MAR, BUF, GAB, MAD)
- **Increasing** contacts and dialogues with research / private sector (e.g. SEPDD, DIB, Pierre Fabre, ...), including participation in industry fairs and exhibitions
- **Studies** in six African countries on the business potential of Genetic Resources, funded by UNEP/GEF-4
- Building ABS related capacity with **UEBT and PhytoTrade** members in Southern Africa

Amplifying ABS processes



Integrating ABS in bilateral development programmes

- Morocco
- Cameroon
- Namibia
- Madagascar
- COMIFAC
- Maghreb
- AUC DHRST



Amplifying ABS Processes

Partnerships

- Continued collaboration with **GEF-SGP**
- Strengthened working relations with **GEF Secretariat** and the **implementing agencies**
- **Bioversity International** and **Treaty Secretariat**: Cooperation on coherent implementation of ITPGRFA and Nagoya Protocol
- **IDLO** and **CISDL**
- Supporting research cooperation: **SEPDD**
- **BIOPAMA**: **IUCN**, **JRC**



Regional coordination



AU Policy Framework for the Coherent Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (AU Guidelines)

- Political validation workshop
- Technical experts workshop

ABS best practices in South Africa

- Project with Phytotrade: analysing value chains and legislations, involvement of SADC



Regional Capacity Development



Intellectual Property Rights

- **Knowledge exchange** for African National Focal Points and ILCs **with India** on TK documentation and the Indian TK Digital Library
- **Training courses** on ABS and IPRs: Botswana, Fiji, Cape Verde
- Training course on IPR and TK for ILCs, Ethiopia
- Further collaboration with **WIPO** envisaged

Protecting and documenting TK

- **Knowledge exchange** for African National Focal Points and ILCs **with India** on TK documentation and the Indian TK Digital Library
- **MNHN study on TK documentation** in Senegal, Cameroon and Benin
- **Meeting on TK documentation** in Cape Town
- **GEF-SGP projects** on TK documentation approved for Benin and Niger

Expanded regional scope: Caribbean and Pacific



- Since 2012, the Initiative has been expanding its activities and capacity building processes to Caribbean and Pacific ACP countries
- Cooperation with **regional organisations**: CARICOM (Caribbean), SPREP and SPC (Pacific), national support in selected countries (Guyana, Cook Islands, Vanuatu, FSM,...)
- New thematic focus: **Marine bioprospecting**



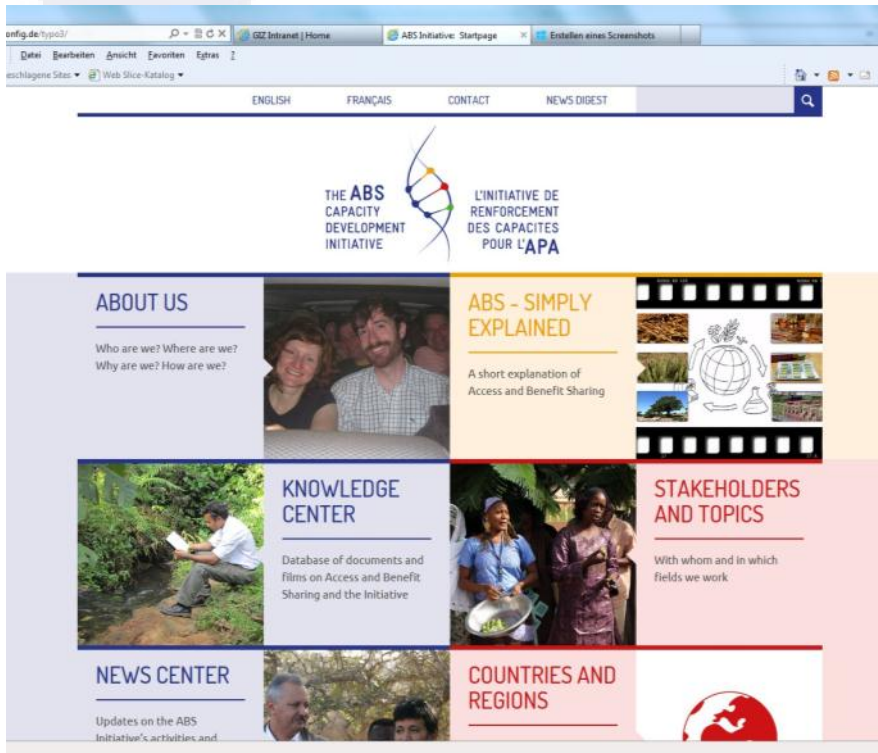
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of the Pacific
Community



SPREP
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional
Environment Programme



Communication and Knowledge Management



- Update of the Initiative's **corporate design**
- **New website** design and structure: public awareness platform and knowledge management tool
- Weekly **ABS News Digest**
- New edition of the **ABS calendar** for 2014