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Developing Capacities in Africa and ACP Countries to Make the Nagoya Protocol Operational

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ABS Capacity Development Initiative

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Building exchange fora

- Annual regional workshops (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific)
- ABS & Business dialogue (Copenhagen)
- Providing a platform for information and communication: www.abs.initiative.info

Developing technical and process-oriented capacities

- Trainings: Managing multi-stakeholder processes; Basic ABS course (in partnership with University of Cape Town); ...
- Background studies: ABS business potentials in six African countries; Business models of relevant commercial sectors; TK documentation ...

Future focus

- National implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in pilot countries
- ABS policies/ regulatory frameworks / ABS agreements / value chain development
- Involvement / participation of ILCs in ABS processes, agreements
- Scaling up into cooperation countries

Partners

- Amplifying CD processes through additional financial resources and technical expertise as partners in delivery
- Background research and conceptual development

CBD Secretariat – SCBD

Erie Tamale



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Intensive cooperation

- Initiative has been a key partner since its launch at COP-8 in 2006
- SCBD is an observer to the Initiative's steering committees for the various regions
- MOU between SCBD and BMZ on implementation of SPfB and the NP, January 2013

Joint activities

- Joint workshops, trainings; CEPA material
- Inclusion of sessions of the NP in the SCBD NBSAP workshops in the ACP region

Future collaboration

- SCBD to collaborate with the Initiative in its next phase to facilitate implementation of the Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development (when adopted by MOP-1)

Lessons & recommendations

- Focus on assisting Parties to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 16

Secretariat of the ITPGRFA



The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



Dr Shakeel Bhatti

Mutually supportive implementation of the ITPGRFA and the Nagoya Protocol

- Expert Workshop: *The IT and the NP - Supporting mutual supportiveness in the implementation of both instruments at the national level*
- GB-5 welcomed the effort and requested the Secretary to continue facilitating such interactions
- Tandem Workshop for ITPGRFA and NP National Focal Points, organised in cooperation with the ABS Initiative and Bioversity International
- Observer to the ABS Initiative's Steering Committee
- Joint national support activities of the ABS Initiative and Bioversity are in the planning stages, in cooperation with the two Secretariats

Lessons & recommendations

- Comprehensive approach to ABS regulation promotes coherence and mutual supportiveness, and needs to be further reinforced through continued collaboration

United Nations Development Programme – UNDP



Santiago Carrizosa, PhD (Global Advisor on ABS)

Design and implementation of GEF-funded Projects

- Developing a national framework on access to and benefit-sharing of genetic resources and traditional knowledge as a strategy to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Morocco
- A bottom up approach to ABS: Community level capacity development for successful engagement in ABS value chains in Cameroon (*Echinops giganteus*)

Lessons & recommendations

1. Ensure that Genetic resources are used according to the definition of utilization of genetic resources of the Nagoya Protocol
2. Ensure strict compliance with social and environmental safeguards through a solid monitoring and evaluation system
3. Projects should implement the three objectives of the CBD through the Nagoya Protocol

Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme



Terence Hay-Edie

Cooperation ABS Initiative – Natural Justice – GEF-SGP

- Part-time staff secondment to UNDP GEF-SGP Headquarters in New York
- Integrating ABS in the country programmes of GEF-SGP:
→ Benin, Cameroon, Vanuatu, Fiji and at least 5 other ACP countries
- Anchoring support to Nagoya Protocol implementation in SGP programme documents for OP5 and OP6 (2015-2018)

Lessons & recommendations

- GEF SGP can play an important role in the baseline understanding of the Nagoya Protocol amongst indigenous peoples and local communities
- Complementarities exist for “ABS preparedness” with projects addressing biocultural protocols, as well as biotrade
- During GEF6, SGP to continue to integrate ABS into wider biodiversity portfolio

United Nations Environment Programme



Kamar Yousuf

Development and implementation of GEF-funded projects

- **GEF-4 MSP (6 African countries): GIZ as Executing Agency**
The GIZ implemented ABS Initiative collaborated with UNEP in supporting the development and implementation of ABS policies in 6 African countries. The Initiative's activities have culminated in an increased awareness and information exchange among relevant stakeholder groups and improved functioning of national ABS regulations in the project beneficiary countries.
- **GEF-5 STAR COMIFAC – under preparation, matching funds**
UNEP and the ABS Initiative will collaborate on two sub-regional GEF and BMZ funded projects for COMIFAC countries that will be implemented in synergistic manner.

Lessons & recommendations

- UNEP believes that ABS Initiative's capacity building and awareness raising activities on ABS, contributed to Africa having the highest number of countries from one region that ratified or acceded to the Protocol.
- To support these countries in implementing the Protocol, UNEP to will collaborate with the ABS Initiative in the development of a regional project to assist African countries in using the new AU Guidelines in their efforts towards putting in place measures and mechanisms on ABS. The proposed project would be funded under GEF-6.

African Union Commission

– AUC



Mahlet Teshome Kebede

Coordination of African Delegates

- Technical and organisational support

AU Guidelines on a Coordinated Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in Africa

- Hosting / supporting development of policy and technical guidelines
- Formal approval process: AMCEN / Heads of States
- Dissemination and cooperation in capacity development for implementation

Lessons & recommendations

- Lessons learnt: need for collaboration with cross cutting sectors/departments for sustainability of support
- Recommendations/Outlook: continue and intensify capacity development at national and regional level, liaison with inter-regional bodies for experience sharing

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme



Clark Peteru

Regional activities in the Pacific

- 14 countries, 7 territories => expensive to hold regional meetings
- Since 2011: 4 regional meetings, 3 regional training workshops
- Administrative support for SPREP

Partner involvement

- Tandems workshop on coherent implementation of the NP & the ITPGRFA in Rome
- Joint side event at recent 3rd UN SIDS Conference in Samoa
- Awareness raising and networking
- Enabling environment for engagement in NP process by various stakeholders

Needs assessment & technical assistance to Member States

Lessons & recommendations

- Need for coordination between the different actors: ABS Initiative, GEF-SGP, UNEP and UNDP (GEF start-up projects 1 regional, 2 country specific)
- Need to source local experts as much as possible
- Sustainability and ongoing assistance from ABS Initiative
- Role of regional organisations regarding administrative functions

Natural Justice

Harry Jonas

NATURAL JUSTICE

Supporting GEF-SGP

- Conceptual advice for integrating ABS in country programming

BCP Initiative for Africa

- Conceptual development of BCPs as tool in the ABS arena:
→ South Africa (Bushbuckridge), Ghana (sacred forests)
- Supporting ILCs negotiating ABS/BioTrade agreements with the private sector:
Khoisan communities in South Africa

Biocultural Dialogues

- Adapting the BCP concept for engagement of ILCs with the private sector in partnership with the Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT)

Training on Intellectual Property Rights and BCPs for ILCs

- Addis Ababa, 2013

Lessons & recommendations

- Lessons learnt
- Recommendations/Outlook

PhytoTrade Africa

Cyril Lombard, Katie Beckett



Policy dialogue

- ABS best practices in Southern Africa, country cases and value chain analysis
- Review of national development plans, industrial development policies and plans, seeking coherence
- Engaging industry

Implementation of Nagoya Protocol

- Practical projects with communities, SMEs, local and international companies, developing low transaction cost implementation of ABS

Lessons & recommendations

- Potential for ABS to support economic development is high
- Transaction costs are high, numerous risks
- Align with national development plans / industrial policies and market needs, small and medium enterprise development
- Need to align support to different sectors and organisations to avoid confusion

Morten Walløe Tvedt, Christian Prip, G. Kristin Rosendal

Technical background studies – research-based knowledge in law and political science

- Country case studies: Australia, Cameroon, Ghana and Ethiopia (the TEFF case)
- The Contract Book (forthcoming); The Interface between the Nagoya Protocol on ABS and the ITPGRFA at the International Level

Training: Mutually Agreed Terms – Contracts for Making ABS Functional

- IPR and ABS: Southern Africa (Botswana), Lusophone Africa (Cape Verde) and Pacific (Fiji) – Contracts: Pacific (Fiji)

Legal and policy advice at national level

- Bringing ABS to work on ground: adapting local laws to becoming ABS-useful
Example: Micronesia; (test case Bhutan with actual, functional agreement)

Lessons & recommendations

- Lessons learnt: Lack of national implementation; interfaces of international agreements; calibrate the expectation; train actual negotiators
- Recommendations/Outlook: Use exiting act/policies and ancor ABS in the context; decide how to make a team of negotiators; get case-experience

Centre for International Sustainable Development Law



CISDL

Frederic Perron-Welch

Legal Research on ABS Issues

- Global Overview of ABS Measures (3 eds.); Synergies between Nagoya Protocol and International Treaty on PGRFA; Synergies between Forest Governance and ABS; Synergies between PA Management and ABS (forthcoming)

Support and Training

- AU Guidelines on Nagoya Protocol, Senegal IPR Training (French)

Documentation of country experiences with ABS legal frameworks

- Gathering experiences: Scoping Paper, Legal Briefs, Toolkit on Country Experiences, in partnership with the IDLO

Lessons & recommendations

- Lessons learnt: Inconsistent measures across jurisdictions; few successful legal measures; capacity must exist across institutions for functionality
- Recommendations/Outlook: Greater focus needed on transposing the requirements of the Protocol into national & sub-national law and policy

International Development Law Organization



Yolanda Saito

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Capacity building of national lawyers

- Pilot capacity building course (July 2014) for lawyers from ACP countries

Lessons learned

- Comparison of country experiences has empowered advisors in countries to prompt ambition in national ABS frameworks

Recommendations/Outlook

- Expansion of global network of NP lawyers – courses at regional/national level
- Pilot online community of practice of NP lawyers
- Legal Preparedness for Nagoya Protocol programs in pilot countries
- Side Event – Promoting Laws for Biodiversity Thurs, 16 October, 1:15-2:45 pm, Hall G, Room 2, Youth Meeting Room

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