

From Global To Local: Linking Local Conservation Objectives and Local Business Potentials Through ABS

17 November 2014, 1:30-3:00 pm, WIN and Pacific Community Dialogue Pavilion

This session explores the relevance of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) and local conservation.

With the Nagoya Protocol in force since October 2014, Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) is highly relevant in generating business potential at the community level. By implementing the relevant provisions of the Nagoya Protocol, improved local governance and untapped business potentials of community owned small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) contribute to improved local conservation of biodiversity. IPLCs and their traditional knowledge about the utilization of biological and genetic resources play a vital role.



What are these provisions provided by the Nagoya Protocol for the IPLCs?

How does ABS create links between community based business and biodiversity conservation?

What are the ways forward for multi-beneficial implementation of ABS at community level?

During the side-event three experts covering ABS, governance and business potentials of small and medium enterprise will present their perspectives. Participants will discuss in the plenum.

- IPLC and TK Relevant Provisions of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS: Implications for Local Governance
Dr Andreas Drews, Manager, ABS Capacity Development Initiative
- Ensuring Local Conservation Objectives Through ABS: The Mamala Case of Samoa
Clark Peteru, Legal Adviser, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Providing National and Regional Markets with ABS Compliant Products: Potential for Community Owned SMEs
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