THE AU GUIDELINES FOR THE COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA PROTCOL ON ABS

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Issues of CBD-ABS and ITPGRFA at the level of the AUC

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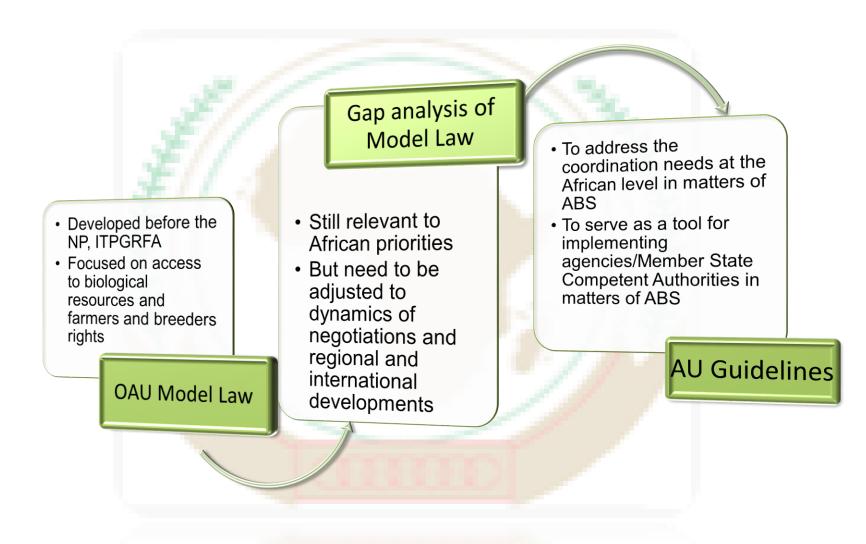
Education Division

Youth Division

Science and Technology Division

Biodiversity Program

Support in matters of Biodiversity



Process leading up to adoption

- September 2012: AMCEN-decision on the establishment of a coordination mechanism for negotiations on Biodiversity (Model of the UNFCCC)
- January 2013: AU Assembly adopted the AMCEN report including the process on the development of the Guidelines
- March 2015-AMCEN adopted the Draft Guidelines with a set of recommendations on its implementation
- June 2015- AU Summit endorsed Draft AU Guidelines+ recommendations of AMCEN on implementation of the Guidelines

The AU Guidelines on ABS: Its Structure



The AU Strategic Guidelines on ABS: <u>Its Purpose</u>

- To provide strategic guidance to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in Africa
- To facilitate coordination and cooperation between African countries and African stakeholders

The AU Strategic Guidelines on ABS: <u>Its Purpose</u>

- To provide practical guidance on how national ABS systems can be implemented in a regionally coordinated manner
- 4. To promote utilization of Africa's GR and aTK to support technology transfer, food security and economic growth, while encouraging conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
- Facilitate the establishment of common African ABS standards

- MS to cooperate in developing compatible continental and regional procedures on ABS (for granting PIC, concluding MAT) and monitoring compliance by users of GR
- 2. Ensuring <u>approval of ILCs is obtained</u> regarding access to GR where they have the established right
- 3. Ensuring <u>regulation</u> of *access to TK* and that MAT has been established

- 4. Encourage mutually supportive implementation of the ITPGRFA and the NP
- 5. Promote and *encourage research* that contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity thru <u>simplified</u> access (non-commercial research),
 - ✓ due regard to present and imminent emergencies, support use of GR for food agriculture and food security in Africa

- Transboundary cooperation in instances where GR and aTK are sourced from two or more Member States (the minimum benefit sharing terms to be included in MAT)
- 7. Encourage compliance through the use of checkpoints and internationally recognized certificates of compliance as well as regular and systemic information exchange
- 8. Provision of GR and aTK for utilization only to users domiciled within AU Member States' jurisdiction, or within jurisdiction of a Party to the NP that has adequate compliance measures in place

- 9. Member States to allocate financial and other resources to support efforts towards the coordinated implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (in accordance with the Practical Guidelines)
- 10. The AUC, in collaboration with the RECs, to establish a coordination mechanism for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in Africa.

"We aspire that by 2063 Africa shall be a prosperous continent with the means and resources to drive its own development and where:

- Modern agriculture for increased productivity and value addition contributes to farmer and national prosperity and collective food security
- The environment and ecosystems are healthy and preserved with climate resilient economies and communities."

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