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Reflecting on CoP13 and CoP-MoP2: Strategic Implications for African ABS Implementation

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Important source of information for other processes

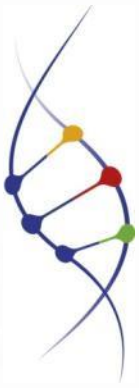
- **Review of effectiveness of NP – including:**
- **compliance measure for aTK**
- **access to justice in user countries**
- **evidence of need for GMBSM (Article 10)**

Review was key to African acceptance of NP

Need to coordinate African reports



Further work on Article 10 - GMBSM



Recall that Art. 10 was an African proposal and key to African acceptance of the NP

Need for and modalities of...

- EU and Switzerland strongly resisted moving on to a discussion of modalities – they have invested in systems to ensure compliance with bilateral ABS and worry a multilateral system would bypass the bilateral approach
- Decision calls for submission of views on way forward – this can include views on modalities
- SBI will only discuss need – but MoP 3 will be able to discuss anything that has been submitted

Need for coordinated African response



Cooperation with other instruments



NP Article 4.4 provides for specialised ABS instruments – where they exist Nagoya does not apply for Parties who are also Parties to such instruments:

- Currently only ITPGRFA and WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, but attempts in WHO to trigger Art 4.4 for all flu viruses
- Question is who gets to decide something is a specialised ABS instrument?
- Secretary asked to commission study

Also confirmed FAO CGRFA Elements is only voluntary guidance for domestic ABS measures



Synthetic Biology and Digital Sequence Data on Genetic Resources



Genetic Resources are defined as material containing functional units of heredity – but heredity is mainly about passing on information

Rapid advances in gene sequencing technology, vastly improved data storage and analysis, cheap gene printing and easy gene editing means that material access is no longer essential > what does this mean for ABS?

Process to examine the implications and discuss issue at CoP14 / CoP-MoP3; already at WHO; now also in FAO CGRFA; hopefully also in ITPGRFA later this year





Thank You!