Benefit Sharing in Shared Traditional Knowledge: Challenges and Approaches

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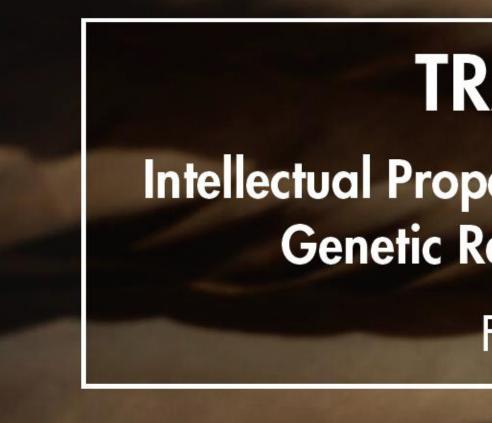
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CIGI-ILRP founding belief

"better international governance can improve lives of people everywhere, increase prosperity, ensure global sustainability, address inequality and safeguard human rights, and promote a more secure world"





The project has three main expected outcomes:

- \Rightarrow Developing comparative case studies (5 Case studies);
- capacity building and awareness raising initiatives for Canadian Indigenous communities;
- a structured dissemination plan, including an outreach strategy for policy makers and indigenous communities [WIPO-IGC and Canadian Government].





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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE Intellectual Property and the Governance of Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Traditional Cultural Expressions

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Shared traditional knowledge

- This is more the norm, rather than an exception to the rule. _ [Manuel Ruiz Muller, Protecting Shared Traditional Knowledge: Issues, Challenges, Options (2013)]
 - Over time, resources move [legally/illegally], resulting in knowledge practices. [Stevia]
 - Confidential sharing across communities, -
 - Knowledge due to wide use is considered as forming part of the public domain.

[Abena Dove Osseo-Asare, Bitter Roots: The Search for Healing] Plants in Africa (2014)]

Access and Benefit Sharing Challenges

- 1. Representation challenges
- 2. Clashing Worldviews
- 3. Awareness
- 4. Uncertainty for industry
- 5. Regulatory loopholes

Some ABS Policy Alternatives

- 1. Compensatory fund
- 2. Biocultural/community protocols
- 3. Defensive Approaches (registers/databases)
- 4. Tiered-approach
- 5. Principles-based community mechanisms

Thank you.

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