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Training: Access and Benefit Sharing from Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

**4 to 8 February 2013, Gaborone, Botswana**

This training course is part of the ABS Initiative's approach to bring ABS stakeholders together for the purpose of negotiating ABS agreements and for supporting them in developing the capacities and skills that are necessary to achieve mutually satisfactory outcomes. These include training in communication and negotiation skills; sharing knowledge, information and best practice; and developing joint positions and statements for the international ABS process.

This time the training focuses on western and southern African countries and addresses directly the acute capacity constraints for implementing ABS at the regional and national level. The course contents are based on similar courses which were held in 2010 in Cape Town and in 2011 at Strathmore University in Nairobi. It incorporates evaluation feedback received at those courses, and has been adapted to address ABS implementation experiences in the western and southern African regions. The material has been developed by the Environmental Evaluation Unit of the University of Cape Town in close cooperation with the ABS Capacity Development Initiative. As one expected result the base of professionals who are familiar with ABS issues will be broadened and they will be better prepared to face the various implementation challenges at national and regional level.

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