UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project
Strengthening human resources, legal frameworks and institutional capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE SDGs:
UNV’s support to the implementation of the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project
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Global Scope

OBJECTIVE: Strengthening human resources, legal frameworks and institutional capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol

23 countries
5 continents

ABS is genetic for sustainable development
What is ABS?

• ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES (AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ASSOCIATED TO GENETIC RESOURCES) AND THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THEIR UTILIZATION

LET’S SEE SOME EXAMPLES

HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=3KBNB2U_XWQ

HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=9UY5OWFUUSE
The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 1992 introduced ABS

ABS IS:
- Acknowledgement of the place of origin of the genetic resource
- Incentive for biodiversity conservation, in exchange of:
  - Biotechnology
  - Social and economic welfare
The Nagoya Protocol (2010)

Main novelties:

1. The obligation to respect the rights of indigenous and local communities when accessing their traditional knowledge associated to the genetic resources (PIC and MAT)

2. An international system to control and monitor the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge by the user of those resources (and sanctions in the user countries)
# ABS and Sustainable Development Goals

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ABS is genetic for sustainable development
4 PROJECT COMPONENTS
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1. Strengthening the legal, policy, and institutional capacity to develop national ABS frameworks

2. Building trust between users and providers of genetic resources to facilitate the identification of bio-discovery efforts

3. Strengthening the capacity of indigenous and local communities to contribute to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

4. Implementing a Community of Practice and South-South Cooperation Framework on ABS

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Key activities- Component 1

- National ABS legal frameworks developed or reviewed, including measures for protecting Traditional Knowledge (1 full system approved; 1 ABS Regulation Amended; 1 Provisional system adopted; 1 ABS Policy)

- Stakeholders have been trained on ABS, Nagoya Protocol and ABS Procedures

- National biodiversity CHM or dedicated website for information purposes related to ABS

**Key challenge:** Political buy to complete the legal procedures for the approval of the laws, regulations and effective implementation of the legal frameworks
Key activities- Component 1

http://www.mvotma.gub.uy/index.php/ambiente/conservacion-de-ecosistemas-y-biodiversidad/biodiversidad/recursos-geneticos

RECURSOS GENÉTICOS - ACCESO Y PARTICIPACIÓN

Acceso a recursos genéticos y participación justa y equitativa en los beneficios que se deriven de su utilización (ABS): un dinamizador del desarrollo sostenible del país.

» Acceso a Recursos Genéticos y Participación en los Beneficios (ABS)

El marco que regula el acceso a los recursos genéticos del país puede generar beneficios para usuarios y proveedores, y contribuir a la conservación de la biodiversidad.

» Solicitud de Acceso a Recursos Genéticos

Conocí más sobre el trámite para realizar la solicitud de acceso a genéticos y/o compuestos bioquímicos para investigación.
Key activities- Component 2

- Biodiscovery projects supported (34 expected)
  - 11/22

- Ethical codes of conduct or guidelines for research on TK and genetic resources (16 countries) (in progress)
  - 8/16

- ABS commercial agreements (Colombia, Dominican Republic, India, Panama and South Africa)
  - 8/25
Key activities- Component 3

- 22 IPLC awareness-raising campaigns
- 8/24 Biocultural Community Protocols
- 1 Free Prior Informed Consent
UNV in Ecuador

- Empowered and inducted **870 leaders, youth and women** on **SDGs, Agenda 2030 and** the mechanisms for protecting TK associated to genetic resources and the relevance of **the Nagoya Protocol**, with a truly innovative and multiplier effect

- First Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) under the project: Indigenous community of San José de Payamino, within the Kichwa nationality, situated in the Amazon (granted to Alma College, based in Michigan (USA), to conduct the second phase of the biochemical research on medicinal plants). (read more)
Key activities- Component 3

UNV in Ecuador

- Side event at 18th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (examples of mechanisms to protect traditional knowledge in Ecuador and other countries in Latin America)
Key activities- Component 3

Support to the Network of Latin American Women on Biodiversity

- SGP project on Nagoya Protocol and Biodiversity
- Regional workshop in Panama (27-28 July 2019)
Virtuous circle on ABS

- Generates R&D
- Shares benefits

- Simple Access system
- Control of users
- Biodiversity conservation

- Complies with the system
- Puts into value biodiversity of the country
- Channels R&D into the country

PIC & MAT
Biocultural Protocols

Legal access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing becomes the rule and not the exception
CONTRIBUTION

UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project

“Strengthening human resources, legal frameworks and institutional capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol”

Access to genetic resources and fair and equitable distribution of the benefits that arise out of their use (ABS)

UNV Component

“Support in the implementation of the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project”

Figure: Responsible Party and Senior Beneficiary

Project Document

- Modality: Direct Implementation (DIM);
- Intervention: 4 Products, 11 activities and 10 Indicators;
- Period: From 01-Ago-2016 to 31-Jul-2019 (December 2019);
- Budget: SVF: US$ 425,000 / PNUD-GEF: US$ 332,000;
- Mobilization: More than 300 local volunteers
- National level: 5 countries in LAC;
- Global level: 23 countries in 4 regions;
13 UN Volunteers mobilized in LAC

- Honduras
- Panama
- Ecuador
- Dominican Republic
- Uruguay
### RESULTS FRAMEWORK

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<th>National Institutions are supported through volunteerism in collecting information on ABS, improving information management and facilitating the exchange of experiences</th>
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<td>Awareness-raising campaigns and awareness assessments about the ABS national frameworks, CBD and the Nagoya Protocol are leveraged with the contribution of volunteerism targeting policy makers, researchers, industry entities, local communities, and other relevant actors.</td>
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<td><strong>Strategic View:</strong></td>
<td>Contribution of volunteerism to promote citizen participation, capacity building, resilience, social awareness and people empowerment.</td>
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<td>National volunteer networks are strengthened and engaged for supporting institutional processes and awareness-raising activities towards the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, with special focus on indigenous populations and local communities (IPLCs).</td>
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<td>Community of Practice and platform for mapping experts and technical needs on ABS established and supported by UNV under a South-South cooperation at the global level.</td>
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Ministries of Environment in LAC supported in:

- Collecting information
- Information management
- Experience exchange

RESULTS
AWARENESS RAISING ASSESSMENTS

Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) assessments implemented with the support of national and local UNVs.

(KAP) assessments implemented online with the Support of national UNVs.

National UNV Specialist supported the design & implementation of KAP assessments in DR, Panama, Ecuador & Uruguay.
Awareness Raising Campaigns

Persons informed and trained on ABS national legal frameworks and the Nagoya Protocol with a special focus to IPLCs, research institutions & academia and government institutions.

Ecuador’s NUNV supported in the participation of the 18th session of the UNPFII, a joint activity organized with partner institutions from Ecuador with the support of the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project.
Persons involved in the design and discussion process of the first Biocultural Community Protocol of the Emberá Ipetí community, East Panama.

NUNV mobilized to support the design, communication & discussion of the community’s first BCP

“The community has been waiting for a long time for the opportunity to create its own internal regulations, but so far we didn’t have the support of a strategic partnership that could contribute to bring the community closer, reach consensus and generate dialogues”

Sara Omi Casamá
General Congress President and former NUNV
TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP

199 Local volunteers informed & trained in national biodiversity laws, ABS legal frameworks, Nagoya Protocol, 2030 Agenda and Volunteerism;

UPCOMING

4 Training of Trainers modules developed and published on the Global ABS Community & the Amazonian Regional University (IKIAM)

60 local volunteers trained and informed on national ABS regulations, NP, 2030 Agenda and volunteerism
Communities of Practice

“COPs refers to groups of people who genuinely care about the same real-life problems or hot topics, and who on that basis interact regularly to learn together and from each other.”

GLOBAL ABS Community

Welcome to a virtual platform oriented to provide support for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS

ABS & ITPGRFA  
ABS Legal Frameworks  
Traditional Knowledge  
Sustainable Development Goals  
Private Sector & Industries
AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

➢ Campaign to celebrate the International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Online campaign to celebrate the effort and dedication of all scientific girls and women that work towards the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, setting role models for future generations.

➢ Campaign to celebrate the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the framework of the International day of indigenous languages.

An activity organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador with the aim to share experiences and knowledge regarding protection mechanisms of traditional knowledge.
"Fortalecimiento de los marcos legales, los recursos humanos y las capacidades institucionales para la implementación del Protocolo de Nagoya."

**COURSE CONTENT**

- Global ABS PNUD GEF: Lesson 1
- 1 Quiz
- Course Certificate

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**E-Learning**

The Nagoya Protocol: Relevance and Scope
Service Package provided by the Global ABS Community

An activity developed in the framework of implementation of the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project

“Strengthening legal frameworks, human resources Protocol”

The Global ABS Business Facility

The Global ABS Legal Clinics
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