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

Webinar on the Global Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) Community

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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
UNDP-GEF projects on ABS

Global ABS Project
National ABS Projects
4 COMPONENTS

1. **ABS Legal frameworks and institutional capacities (legal certainty)**

2. **Biodiscovery projects supported** (support research and generate trust between providers and users of genetic resources at the national level)

3. **Empower indigenous peoples and local communities to put into value their genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge**

4. **Global ABS Community (community of practice on ABS)**
Global ABS in action: Component 1

- 6656
  1360
  Trained Stakeholders

- 21/21
  ABS Laws and Regulations (incl. TK measures)

- 3
  Countries have approved ABS legal measures

- 17/21
  National CHM or dedicated website
Global ABS in action: Component 2

- 21/24 Biodiscovery Projects
- 11/22 Countries Biodiscovery Projects
- 7 National Bioprospection Strategies
- 9/24 ABS commercial agreements
- 8/16 Ethical Codes of Conduct

ABS is genetic for sustainable development
Global ABS in action: Component 3

- 22 IPLC awareness-raising campaigns
- 12/24 Biocultural Community Protocols
- 1 Free Prior Informed Consent
LEGAL ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND BENEFIT-SHARING BECOMES THE RULE AND NOT THE EXCEPTION
Key challenges/opportunities

• Flexibility of the Nagoya Protocol vs. STANDARDIZATION
• Is the Nagoya Protocol giving to the ABS system the required traceability of genetic resources at the global level? [TEST BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY (2020)]
• End of the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project (Dec. 2020) [SECOND PHASE WITH OTHER DONORS?]
• 2020 is a crucial year for biodiversity (COP-15)- Global ABS Conference in September 2020
• Where is the private sector on ABS?