

Submission of Information and Views in Accordance with Decision X/1 on ABS- Protocol

Samoa wishes to have the following issues raised in the upcoming ABS Negotiations meeting in June 2011:

According to the decision X/1, the Asia Pacific Region has been very supportive of the notion where proper mechanism shall be in place for the implementation of the ABS Protocol as it has been endorsed in the Nagoya 2010 CBD COP 10.

- clear view of how to access the Clearing House Modalities funds for the implementation of national and regional programmes
- To understand the programmes (national and regional) through training and workshops and internship (short and Long term)
- Access funds for developing proposals, and provision of equipments
- Involvement of communities and private sector and national governments
- Establish networking for in country and regional to support Clearing House for recipient country
- Develop legislative framework either to incorporate into existing framework or strengthen existing institutional framework including donor partners and stakeholders
- Strengthen partnership with science community for technical assistance
- Assist in developing a tracking system at the National Level through ABS CH in line with other MEAs such as the CITES (use and reuse of genetic materials and movement)

Capacity – building needs

The following list identifies the capacity building needs for Samoa under the ABS Protocol:

- Technical training needs for ABS Protocol Implementation
- Regular Monitoring and Evaluation of ABS Protocol (follow ups)
- Establish national systems of implementation of ABS - Protocol

Recommendations:

These are the recommendations for discussion in line with the upcoming meeting agenda issues.

1. The ABS Protocol should have a finance mechanism for developing the above institutional arrangements and implementation of Clearing House Programme.
2. Samoa should support the endorsement of the Protocol with the understanding that National Governments will be beneficiaries of Access to Genetic Resources for Researches.