

Views for the first meeting of the intergovernmental committee – Sri Lanka

1. The modalities of operation of the Access & Benefit –sharing clearing house.

Establishment of central portal of Access to genetic resources & benefit sharing clearing house, with the options for submission of information.

- Using the Access to genetic resources & benefit sharing clearing house central portal by country parties.
- Non internet sending information by post, fax, e-mail, CD-ROM
- Sending information to the central portal by national portal.

2. Measures to assist in the capacity –building. Capacity development & strengthening of human resources & institutional capacities in developing countries.

- Organizing expert workshops on capacity building for access to genetic resources & benefit sharing in regional & sub regional level.
- Donor funded projects to meet capacity building needs in developing countries.

3. Measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources & traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, & related access & benefit-sharing issues

- Organizing workshops in regional & sub regional level.
- Development of distance education programmes in electronic format to disseminate information.

4. Cooperative procedures & institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the protocol & to address case of non-compliance, including procedures & mechanisms to offer advice or assistance.

- Promote development of National ABS Act & National compliance committee.
- Developing MTA, PICs, *sui generis* system & Benefit sharing mechanism.