

## **Response by Switzerland to Notification Ref.: SCBD/ABS/VN/SG/74553**

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*This submission only refers to the part "Other information in support of the implementation of the Protocol" of the Notification*

In order to facilitate the implementation of the ABS-provisions of the CBD, in particular of the Bonn Guidelines on ABS, Switzerland so far supported following guidelines and model contractual clauses:

1. The ABS-Management Tool – Best Practice Standard and Handbook for Implementing Genetic Resources Access and Benefit-sharing Activities (available in English, French, and Spanish).  
<http://www.iisd.org/abs/>
2. The ABS-Good Practice for Academic Research on Genetic Resources (available in English, French, and Spanish).  
[http://abs.scnat.ch/downloads/documents/ABS\\_GoodPractice\\_2009.pdf](http://abs.scnat.ch/downloads/documents/ABS_GoodPractice_2009.pdf)
3. Agreement on Access and Benefit Sharing for Non-Commercial Research - Sector specific approach containing Model Clauses  
[http://abs.scnat.ch/downloads/documents/NonCommResearch\\_ABS\\_Agreement.pdf](http://abs.scnat.ch/downloads/documents/NonCommResearch_ABS_Agreement.pdf)

Switzerland intends to update and/or revise the above mentioned guidelines and model contractual clauses in order to accommodate the provisions of the newly adopted Nagoya Protocol on ABS.

Switzerland is convinced that these and other guidelines or codes of conduct related to access and benefit-sharing as well sectoral and cross-sectoral model contractual clauses for mutually agreed terms will also play a crucial role for a successful implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS.