The ABS Capacity Development Initiative



PACIFIC SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING



25-29 November 2013, University of the South Pacific (USP) Campus, Suva, Fiji

Jointly organized by

the ABS Capacity Development Initiative, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Provisional agenda

Monday, 25 November 2013 - Introduction and overview

Time	Topic/Content
8.00	Registration
8.45	Welcome and official opening CBD Secretariat ABS Initiative EU (tbc) SPREP
9.15	Setting the scene and introduction of the programme
10.15	Coffee/Tea
10.45	Introduction: ABS & the Nagoya Protocol • Overview: Core provisions and obligations under the Nagoya Protocol
12.30	Lunch
14.00	 Implementing the Nagoya Protocol Overview: Fields of action for implementing the Nagoya Protocol at the national level Reflection and assessment: Where are we in the ABS implementation?
15.30	Coffee/Tea
16.00	Focus on two fields of action: Defining overall ABS strategies/policies and stakeholder involvement
16.40	Defining overall ABS strategies/policies • Understanding the notion of 'strategy'
17.30	End of day programme
19.00	Side event on "ABS strategies from a business perspective" • Mr. Nimura Satoshi, Chairman of Nimura Genetic Solutions, Japan (tbc)









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Tuesday 26 November 2013 – ABS Strategies and policies

Time	Topic/Content
8.30	Welcome and introduction to the day
9.00	 Defining overall ABS strategies/policies (continued) Overview: Strategic ABS decisions for every country
10.00	Stakeholder involvement in developing ABS strategies/policies • Who are the stakeholders in ABS strategy/policy development?
10.30	Coffee/Tea
11.00	The process of developing ABS strategies/policies with stakeholders • Kabir Bavikatte, Natural Justice, India
12.30	Lunch
14.00	 Plenary and group work: Involving stakeholders in the process Who are the stakeholders? Understanding the stakeholders
15.30	Coffee/Tea
16.00	SGP project proposals: Update and implications of workshop discussions
17.30	End of day programme
19.00	Side event "Demonstration of the Pilot Phase of the ABS Clearing-House" • CBD Secretariat

Wednesday 27 November 2013 – Joint workshop day with CBD PoWPA and ABS

Time	Topic/Content
8.30	Welcome and introduction to the day
9.00	Protected areas in the Pacific: Basis and background Easter Galuvao (SPREP); Willy Morell (tbc); Tim Carruthers (tbc) CBD Aichi Biodiversity Targets: current status for the Pacific National context - NBSAPs and the Regional Action Strategy The Pacific regional context: The Oceanscape Framework Common goals: putting the pieces together in the Pacific Plenary discussion
10.30	Coffee/Tea
11.00	Access and benefit-sharing (ABS) • Sustainable use, ecosystem and cultural resource values Clark Peteru (SPREP); Olivier Rukundo (SCBD); Andreas Drews (ABS Initiative) Protected areas • Programme of work (POWPA)

12.30	Lunch
13.30	 Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Introduction, presentation of key ongoing efforts in Pacific Island Countries and opportunities for engagement and furthering MSP in the Pacific Charles Ehler (IOC/UNESCO); Alison Green (TNC) CTI; Stacy Jupiter (Fiji LMMA, tbc); Anne Littaye (AAMP, PACIOCEA); Jan Steffen (GIZ, MACBIO); Travis Bover (DSEWPaC)
14.15	Group work: Linkages and opportunities between related protected area programmes, approaches, tools and mechanisms Linkages and opportunities – how to integrate efforts, approaches and frameworks Pacific networks of protected areas Input into the Regional Action Strategy
15.30	Coffee/Tea
16.00	Feedback from working groups
17.30	End of day programme
18.00	Cocktail and mixer

Thursday, 28 November 2013 – Ratification of the Nagoya Protocol

Time	Topic/Content
8.30	Welcome and introduction to the day
9.00	 Ratification of the Nagoya Protocol Overview of basic procedures and rationale for the ratification of the Nagoya Protocol Possible elements of national documents to facilitate ratification/accession to the Nagoya Protocol Successful examples of ratification/accession in the region: Fiji and Federates States of Micronesia
10.30	Coffee/Tea
11.00	Lessons learned in the ratification of the Nagoya Protocol: Exchange of experiences
12.30	Lunch
14.00	 Plenary and group work: Moving on with ratification Who are the stakeholders? Understanding the stakeholders
15.30	Coffee/Tea
16.00	Moving on with ratification (continued) • Implications of dealing with a diversity of stakeholders
17.30	End of the day programme

Friday 29 November 2013 – GEF-NPIF: Current status and next steps

Time	Topic/Content
8.30	Welcome and introduction to the day
9.00	 Moving on with ratification (continued) Country road maps and next steps towards ratification/accession to the Nagoya Protocol
10.30	Coffee/Tea
11.00	 GEF/NPIF to support ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol Overview of the current status and key points to consider
12.30	Lunch
14.00	Regional GEF/NPIF: • Update and discussion of the project and its activities
15.30	Coffee/Tea
16.00	Fiji and Cook Islands GEF/NPIF Update and discussion of the project and its activities
17.30	End of workshop
