Table: Outline of an Awareness-raising strategy for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing

Priority activity 1. Communications situation analysis and the development of needs-based awareness-raising strategies at national, regional and subregional levels.

1.1. Operational objectives

- Conduct analysis of communications goals, target groups and existing awareness-raising materials.
- For target groups, identify desired outcomes of communications efforts.
- Evaluate effectiveness of existing tools, messages and activities.
- Provide indicative costs for implementation of different activities.

1.2. Expected Outcomes

- List of target groups and level of awareness.
- List of desired communication goals.
- Gap analysis of tools and identification of required products.
- Evaluation of possible costs needed.

1.3. Indicators

- Level of awareness amongst key target groups.
- List of existing awareness-raising materials and their use.
- List of communication and technical experts.

1.4 Role of Secretariat

- Provide template for the development of national awareness-raising strategies.
- Provide guidelines on survey methodologies.
- Make available existing awareness-raising materials on ABS.
- Make available awareness-raising strategies on the Clearing-House and report developments to the COP-MOP, as appropriate

1.5. Activities

- Create national, regional and subregional awareness-raising strategies, including timetables, activities, evaluation tools and identification of target groups. Include all resource requirements.
- Determine key target groups and desired behavior changes.
- Carry-out surveys to determine level of awareness of key target groups.
- Conduct audit of awareness-raising products and materials, including evaluation of the effectiveness of each.
- Create a list of communication, and legal and technical experts on ABS.
- Submit national awareness-raising strategy to the Clearing-House.

1.6. Actors

- Parties, including relevant government ministries.
- Public opinion research organizations.
- Representatives of the media.

Priority activity 2. Creation of toolkit and awareness-raising materials

2.1. Operational objectives

- Create awareness-raising and training materials to support national, regional and subregional ABS awareness-raising strategies.
- Create toolkit for use in training of ABS communicators.

2.2. Expected outcomes

 Awareness-raising and training materials and other information products that support national, regional and subregional awareness-raising strategies are created including, *inter alia*, brochures, booklets, fact sheets, materials for use in formal education, videos, radio spots, audio recordings, websites, flash and PowerPoint presentations.

2.3. Indicators

- Catalogue of awareness-raisings materials created.
- Usage levels of awareness-raisings materials.

2.4 Role of the Secretariat

- Create ABS awareness-raisings toolkit with templates, guidelines and example methodologies for training and communication activities. Translate into United Nations languages and disseminate in print and online.
- Make available ABS communications materials developed by Parties and other stakeholders on the Clearing-House.

2.5. Activities

- Create ABS awareness-raising and training materials using toolkit and its resources.
- Distribute materials at national and regional levels through established communication channels.
- Submit materials to Clearing-House.

2.6.Actors

- Parties through relevant government ministries and, as appropriate, relevant stakeholders such as indigenous and local communities.
- Experts in communication, including representatives of the media.
- Training agencies.
- Educators.

Priority activity 3. Train communicators and engage target groups

3.1. Operational objectives

- Train a group of ABS communication experts to deliver key messages to target groups
- Engage with target groups in order to raise awareness.

3.2. Expected outcomes

- A group of trainers and communicators on ABS issues is established, to participate in awareness-raising activities.
- Activities are held to implement the strategy.
- The level of awareness of target groups is increased.

3.3. Indicators

- Number of communicators trained.
- Feedback from trainees.
- Number of activities held.
- Number of participants in activities.
- Feedback from participants on the effectiveness of the events and awareness-raising materials.
- Increases in awareness amongst target groups.
- Level of usage of awareness-raisings materials.

3.4 Role of the Secretariat

- Provide guidelines on workshop structure and forms.
- Provide indicative list of outreach activities.
- When requested, participate in ABS awareness-raisings activities at subregional and regional levels, subject to the availability of resources.

3.5. Activities

- Hold ABS communication training workshops with the participation of ABS communicators and others who will deliver communication activities to target groups.
- Hold awareness-raising activities for target groups.
- Distribute and disseminate awareness-raising and training materials.
- For all activities, conduct feedback and evaluation exercises and record this data for priority activity 4.
- Submit reports of activities to the Clearing-House.

3.6. Actors

- Parties, and, as appropriate, relevant stakeholders such as indigenous and local communities.
- Communications professionals, including representatives of the media.
- Target groups identified in the awareness-raising strategy such as users of genetic resources.

Priority activity 4. Evaluation and feedback

4.1. Operational objectives

- Evaluate effectiveness of awareness-raising activities against baseline data collected in priority activity 1.
- Adjust national awareness-raising strategy as appropriate based on feedback.

4.2. Expected outcomes

- Parties will understand the results of their activities and the effectiveness of their strategies.
- Parties will have the information required to adjust and alter their strategies as needed.

4.3. Indicators

- Level and type of participation in awareness-raising activities from priority activity 3.
- Change in level of awareness amongst key target groups.
- List of new awareness-raisings materials and their use.
- Detailed feedback from participants in activities.

4.4 Role of Secretariat

- Make available information provided by Parties on evaluations and feedback to the Clearing-House.

4.5. Activities

- Resurvey target groups to determine any changes in level of awareness.
- Re-audit awareness-raisings materials to determine effectiveness of new and existing materials under the new strategy.
- Review list of communication and legal and technical experts on ABS issues.
- Evaluate effectiveness of ABS awareness-raising activities using data collected under each Priority Activities.
- Revise and adjust the national awareness-raising strategy according to this analysis.
- Submit results of all analyses to the Clearing-House.

4.6. Actors

- Parties.
- Public opinion research organizations.