

Submission from Guinea

In response to notification SCBD/ABS/VN/SG/74553 of December 16, 2010, I am pleased to inform you that the Republic of Guinea, developing country classified among the least developed countries and party to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has considerable capacity-building needs for the implementation of this convention in general and the third objective in particular.

Against this background, to initiate the process to implement the Nagoya Protocol on Access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable Sharing of the benefits arising from their utilization, in the Republic of Guinea, the most important capacity-building requirements include the following:

- 1). Facilitation of the first stages of appropriation and implementation (signature ratification) by making a suitable financing mechanism available;
- 2.) Creation of the basic material conditions for the operation of the institution in charge of access and benefit-sharing (supply of computer and consumable goods, allocation of a fund for the payment of services such as: internet connection, the holding of information and awareness-raising roundtables etc.), with the goal of facilitating activities related to the implementation of the protocol, which are *inter alia*:
 - The collection and analysis of existing information on access and benefit-sharing;
 - The formulation of strategies and setting up of communication systems with the various national and international partners;
 - The preparation of national legislation in the area of access and benefit sharing.
- 3.) Improving the expertise capacity of staff dealing with access and benefit-sharing issues (CBD /APA Focal Points) through specific training on biodiversity management in general and access and benefit-sharing in particular, in order to promote the setting up of a solid national unit for protocol implementation;
- 4.) Broadening support to staff dealing with the CBD, access and benefit-sharing ,for participation in related international meetings, which are generally excellent frameworks for consultation, and experience and information sharing, which can help enlighten participants further.