

**CBD NOTIFICATION 2011-040: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**Submission by Nigeria**

**A The modalities of operation of Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing-House**

- i) Designation of a focal point for ABS clearing house for managing the process.
- ii) Creation of a website for storing and accessing/dissemination of information.
- iii) Access to fund for the operation.
- iv) Operation to be guided by the principles of transparency, inclusiveness and equity.
- v) Equipment with a central database for making information available through ABS clearing house where information from other countries can be accessed.
- vi) Provision of access to information to assist Convention on Biodiversity for the implementation of the protocol.
- vii) Easy access to information on expert rosters, national focal points and national competent authorities.
- viii) Performance of other functions as directed by the COP.
- ix) Facilitation of the development of network of multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary partners.
- x) Implementation to be subjected to periodic review to include consultation with a wide variety of countries.

**Measures to assist in the capacity building, capacity development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in developing countries.**

- Provision of both financial and human resources
- Identification of the different situations, needs, capacities and stages of development of each country as well as types of genetic resources and

promotion of synergies between different initiatives related to capacity building.

- Promotion of education at all level and dissemination of information
- Awareness creation on the benefits gained from the sustainable management of resources
- Provision of education kits on resource management to primary school pupils
- Integrating the principles of sustainable development into the country policies
- Training workshops, train the trainers , programme exchange and study trips
- Promoting the capacity of the indigenous and local people to assess, inventorise and monitor the genetic resources associated with TK, innovations and practices
- Development of audiovisual, multimedia and educational materials

**Measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and related access and benefit sharing issues**

- Promotion of environmental, cultural, social and economic valuation of genetic resources
- Promotion of sustainable access to genetic resources to yield benefits
- Extension of CEPA programme to the communities and other stakeholders on importance of genetic resources.
- Involvement of the relative stakeholders in technological and scientific research using genetic resources
- Promotion of trainings, workshops and meetings

- Introduction of the aspect of genetic resources into school curriculum

**Cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the protocol and to address cases of non-compliance, including procedures and mechanisms to offer advice or assistance.**

- Awareness creation and education on compliance programme
- Establishment of check points at various borders
- Formulation of effective ABS law and prompt ratification of the protocol
- Information sharing, design and transparency
- Reporting and disclosure of information to promote accountability
- Cooperation and mutual understanding between the users and the providers
- Easy access to justice in cases of violation