Access and benefit sharing (ABS)
Brief overview of rationale, principles and key issues

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Artemisinin, an extract from *Artemisia annua* or sweet wormwood, an aromatic herb employed in Chinese traditional medicine.
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
Nagoya Protocol on ABS

- Implementation of fair and equitable benefit sharing
- Utilization of genetic resources
- Rights of countries, indigenous peoples and local communities
- Two pillars
  - Prior informed consent (PIC)
  - Mutually agreed terms (MAT)
- Further defines access and benefit sharing obligations
- Compliance measures
National implementation

- What laws and regulations?
- What working procedures?
- What timelines and costs?
Precise scope, actors and implications
Practical experiences

• Developing capacities and procedures within companies
• Identifying and engaging with key actors
• Negotiating mutually agreed terms
• Best practices on dialogue, link with sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity, local development
• Monitoring and evaluation
THANK YOU

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