

Bio-Bridge Initiative For Indigenous Peoples and local Communities Africa

In the region, as an observation not many Countries have been involving communities in the NBSAPs. There are a few who have been fully involving them and reports from the region shows that Cameroon Uganda have involved a good number of IPLCs organizations in Kenya only one organization has been attending.

Many IPLCs have not followed and got involved in the BBI project.

The Priorities therefore:

1. Awareness and outreach CEPA should be extended to make sure IPLCs plan strategies on how to get involved in the BBI initiative and work closely with the Parties
2. Parties should include indigenous Peoples and local communities in their capacity enhancement programmes and make sure IPLCs are visible in their activities on BBI.
3. SCBD should increase the involvement of IPLCs on BBI activities with the parties.
4. IPLCs have more that Traditional Knowledge to contribute they have knowledge on other technologies that can be exchanged in between countries and therefore a need to recognize this and open doors for them to share the innovations that could help in data collection and documentations of species and further ecosystems in the quest to Conserve Biodiversity in our continent.

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