

## GLOBAL ABS CONFERENCE 2020

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VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2020

29TH OCTOBER  
TO 25TH NOVEMBER



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In the context of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol, the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, invites you to the Global ABS Conference 2020, an online event that will bring together the ABS community to celebrate the progress made in the last 10 years as well as to discuss the vision of “the ABS we all need” for the next years, in preparation for the post-2020 Biodiversity Strategic Framework.

Please see the conference page for more information:

<https://community.abs-sustainabledevelopment.net/event/global-abs-conference-2020/>

## Join us for the following online sessions:

## 1. Happy Birthday Nagoya Protocol

**When: October 29th, 2020, 9:00 AM New York Time / 8 AM Panama Time**

Topic: In this opening session, the ABS community commemorates the 10-th anniversary of the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol and gets together to celebrate its contribution to global environmental governance, nature-based solutions and sustainable development. Hear what world leaders, authorities of multilateral organizations, indigenous and community leaders and many other ABS actors have to say about it and get inspired by their birthday wishes to the ABS we all need.

This session will be in English with French and Spanish interpretation.

[Click here to register.](#)

## 2. ABS for Users I: A Dialogue Between Governments and Researchers

**When: November 4th, 2020.**

Topic: How can scientists, as key users of genetic resources, be involved in policy making on access and benefit sharing and fully comply with the principles of the Nagoya Protocol? This session gathers governments and researchers to exchange experiences and challenges to fill the gap between present ABS implementation and the ABS we all need. This session will include 3 regional webinars, as follows:

**Asia & CIS countries: 9 AM Brussels / 3 PM Bangkok.**

This session will be in English with Russian interpretation. [Click here to register.](#)

**Africa & Arab countries: 1 PM Brussels time / 3 PM Nairobi.**

This session will be in English with French and Arabic interpretation. [Click here to register.](#)

**Latin America: 5 PM Brussels time/ 11 AM Panama time.**

This session will be in Spanish with English interpretation. [Click here to register.](#)

## 3. ABS for Users II: A Dialogue Between Governments and Private Sector

**When: November 11th, 2020, 9:00 AM New York time / Panama time**

Topic: Private sector is critical for ABS. It contributes to nature-based solutions and offers opportunities for benefit sharing. Meet the companies that are taking the lead on ABS and biodiversity conservation and learn different perspectives on how to reach private sectors' full potential for the well-being of people and planet through fair ABS deals.

[Click here to register.](#)

## 4. ABS Dialogue Between Governments and Indigenous Peoples. The Lessons Learned

*When: November 18th, 2020, 9:00 AM New York time / Panama time*

Topic: Indigenous Peoples and local Communities (IPLCs) are at the center of ABS. They are the custodians of biodiversity and right holders of traditional knowledge associated to genetic resources. Learn how IPLCs protect their practices and resources, which are their needs and how to address them in the post-2020 Biodiversity Strategic Framework.

This session will be in English with French and Spanish interpretation. [Click here to register.](#)

## 5. Building the ABS we all Need for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework

*When: November 25th, 2020, 9:00 AM New York time / Panama time*

Topic: World leaders, indigenous peoples and local communities and nongovernmental organizations invite to a journey on the key messages and lessons learned derived from this webinar series. In this closing session, participants will discuss challenges and opportunities for a new decade of Access and Benefit Sharing in the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

This session will be in English with French and Spanish interpretation. [Click here to register.](#)

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### How you can get involved in #theABSweALLneed

The conference's theme is “**the ABS we all need**”, and it is meant to give a voice to everyone involved and impacted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Objective of the Convention.

Therefore, we are encouraging everyone interested in ABS to make a short video giving their unique perspective on ABS, including a happy birthday wish for the Nagoya Protocol. The aim is to help these messages reach the policy makers in preparation for the adoption of bold and impactful post-2020 decisions at COP 15.

Post your messages on your personal social media channels with the hashtag: #theABSweALLneed. You can send them to [absch@cbd.int](mailto:absch@cbd.int) for collection and possible sharing through SCBD social media and website