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DES CAPACITES
POUR L'**APA**

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Supporting the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

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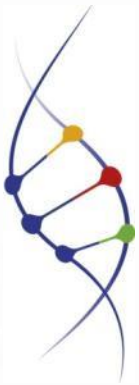
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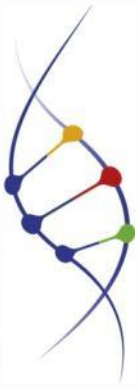
NATURAL JUSTICE



Collaborators



From 2005 to 2020



1. Pre-Nagoya Protocol

2005: WG-ABS 3, Bangkok: African request for support



Implementing Action Plan
Capacity Building ABS IV / 24 b

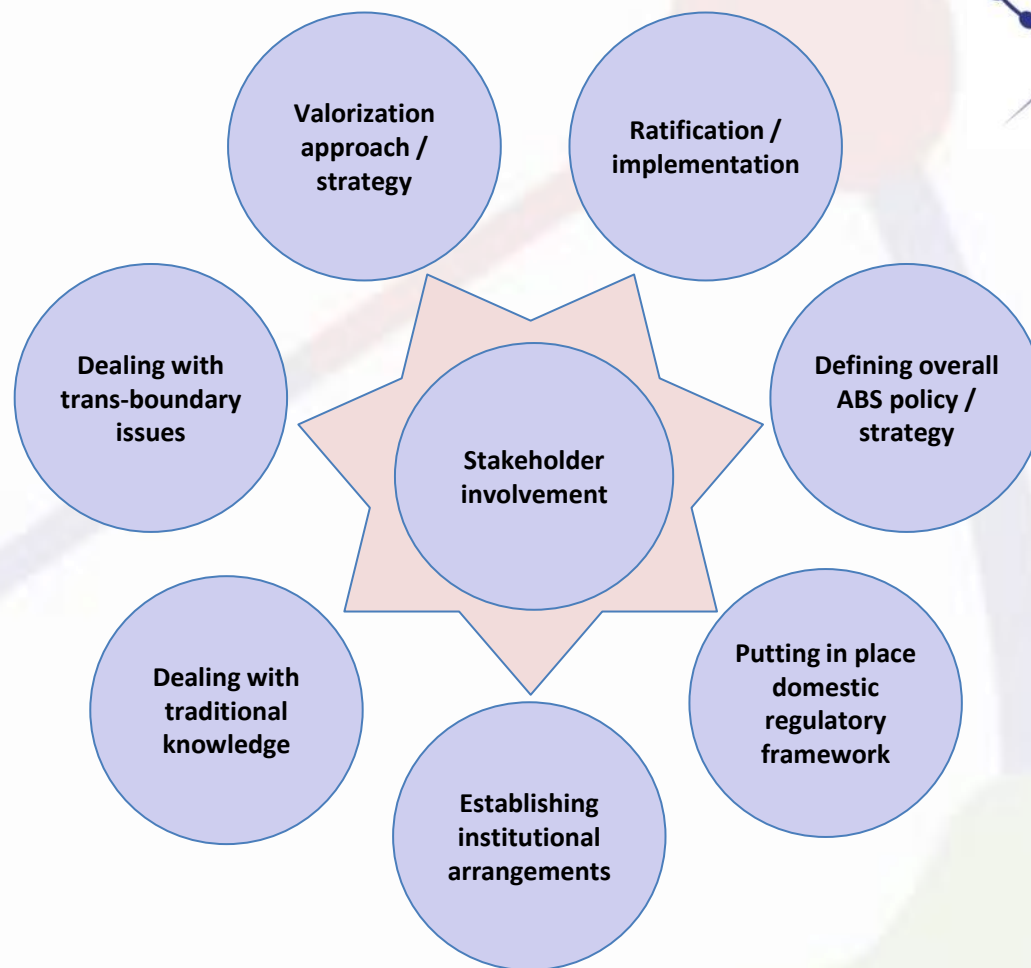
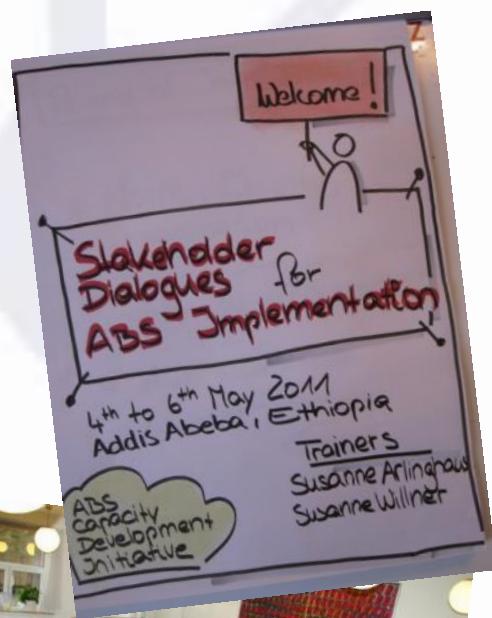


2006: Launch of the Dutch-German
ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa
at COP 8 in Curitiba



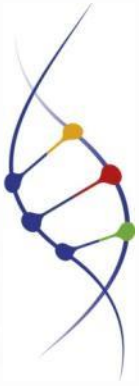
*Supporting the African Group in the
negotiation process of the Nagoya Protocol*

2. Adoption of Nagoya Protocol in 2010: *Technical, legal and policy support of national implementation based on **Eight Fields of Action***



Based on the results of the 5th Pan-African ABS Workshop held in Marrakech, Morocco, February 2011.

From 2005 to 2020 (ctd.)



3. Entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol

New phase 2015 – 2020

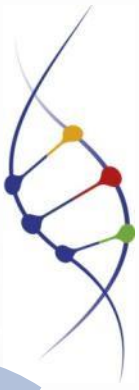


Support the achievement of the second component of Aichi Target 16

Lessons directly support the implementation and further development of the *Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development*



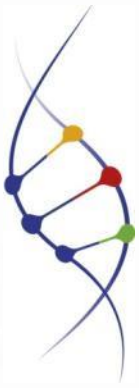
Over 10 years of ABS experience



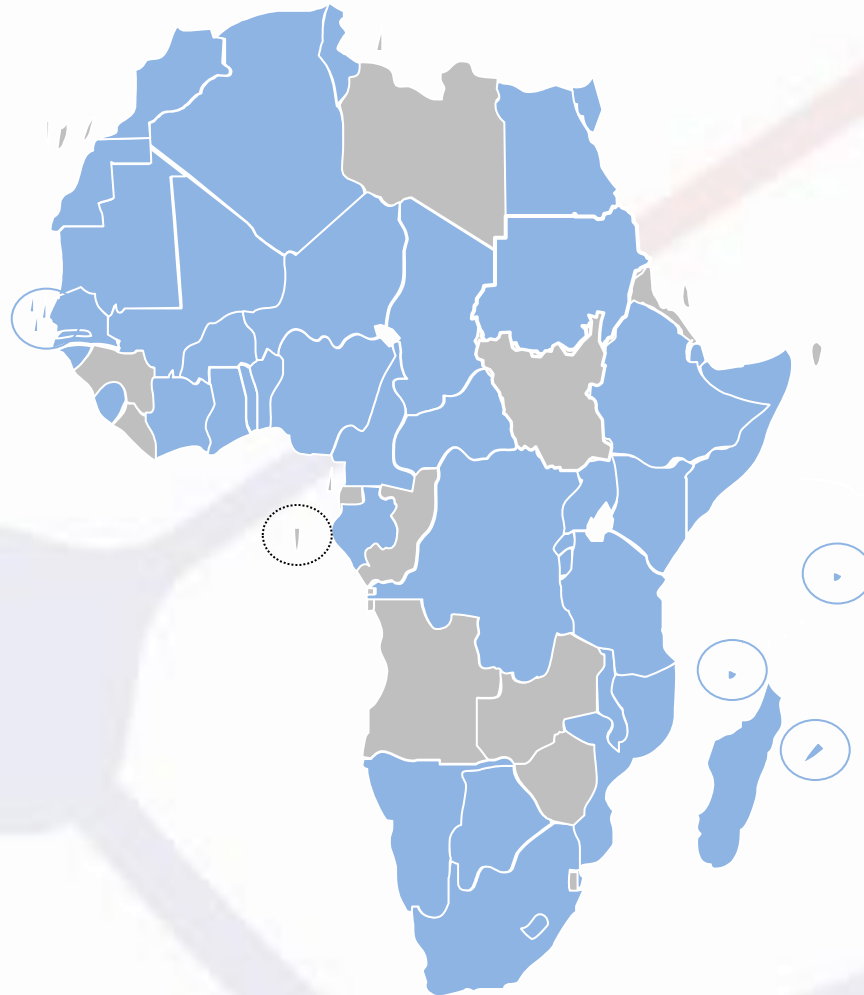
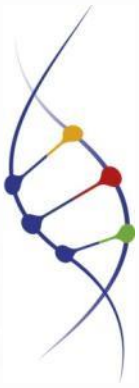


Provide support to national ABS processes in selected partner countries based on a sound country diagnostic about the status quo in implementing ABS

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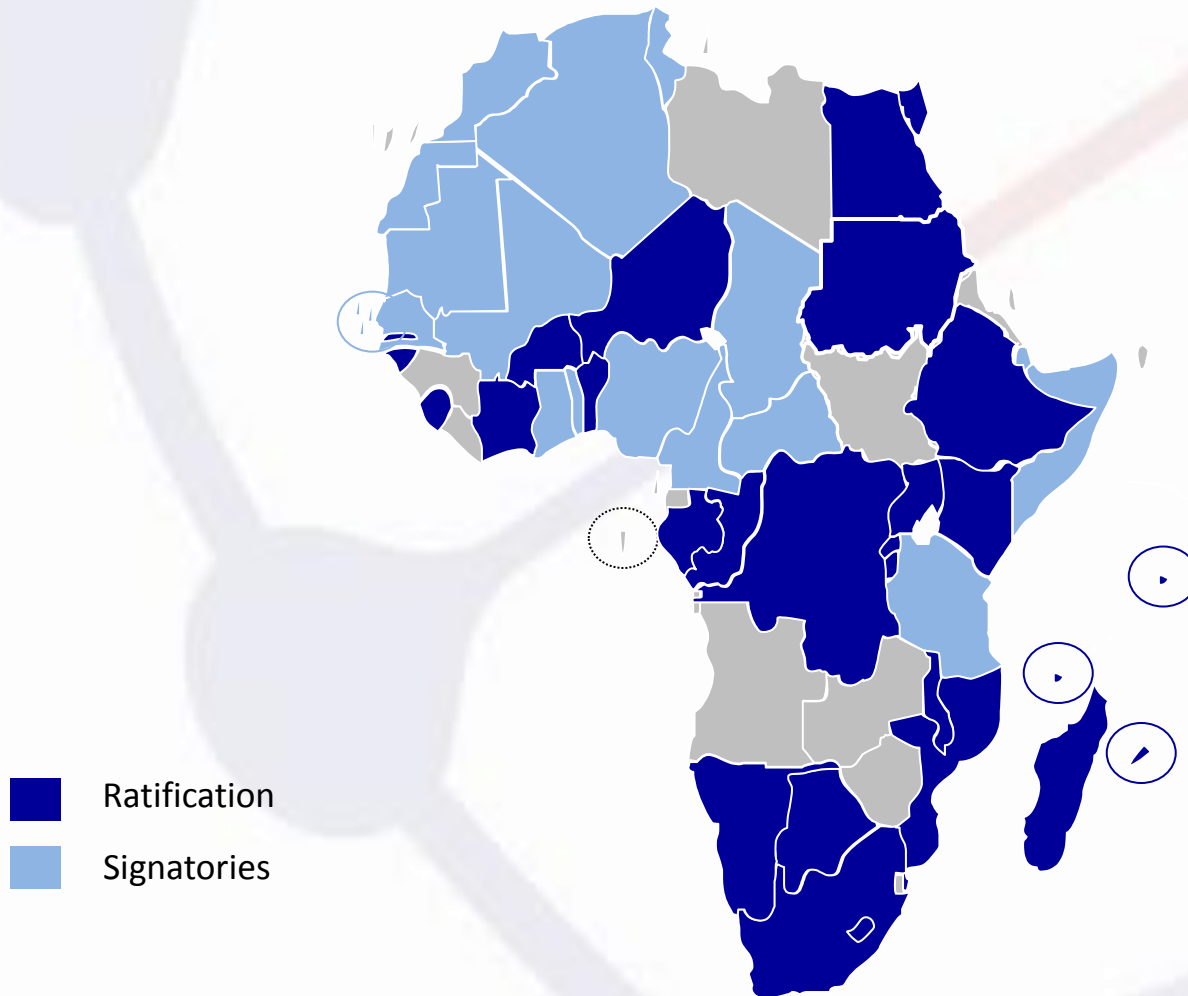
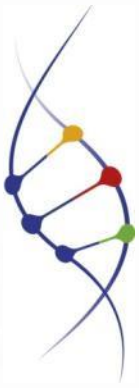


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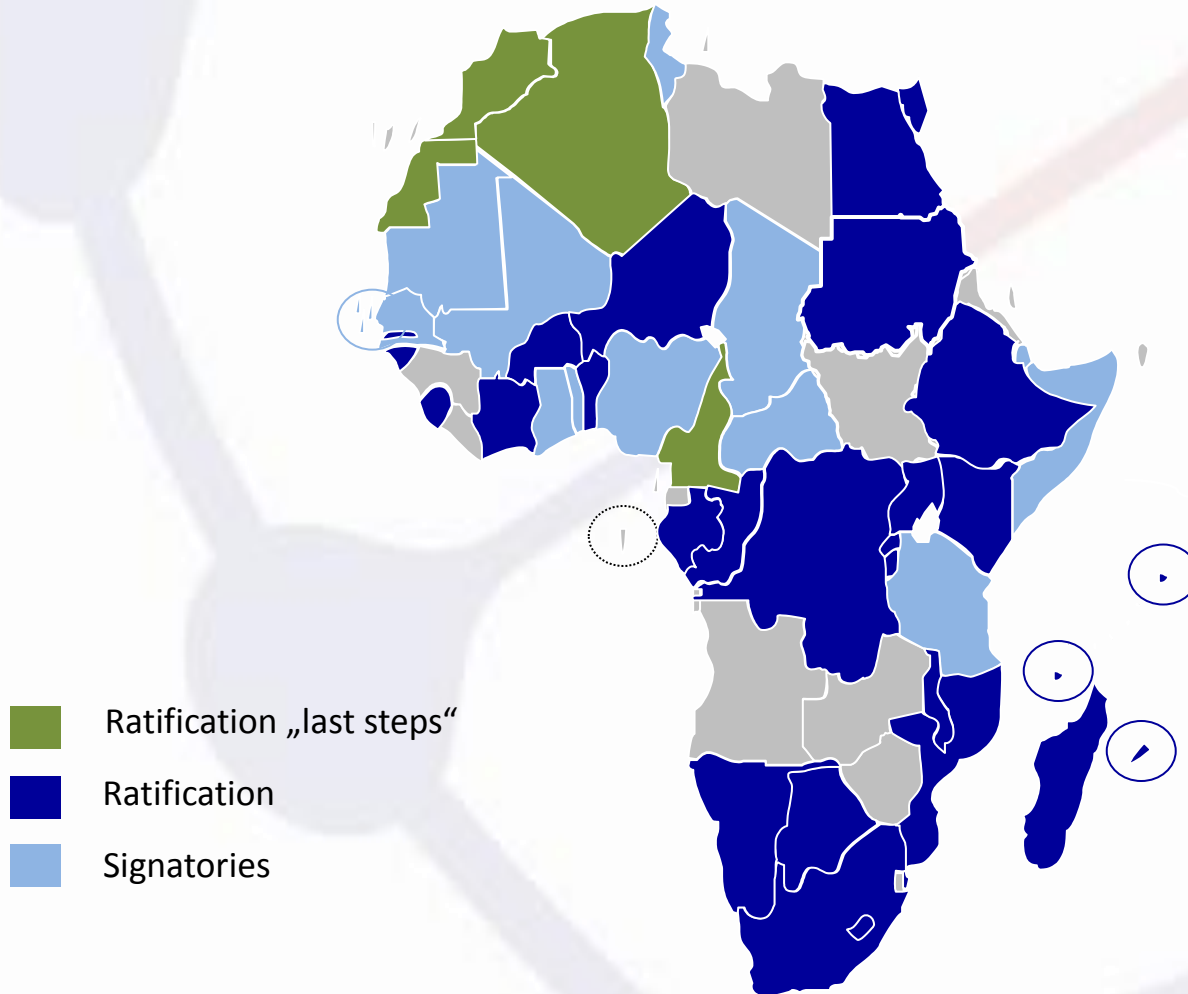


 Signatories

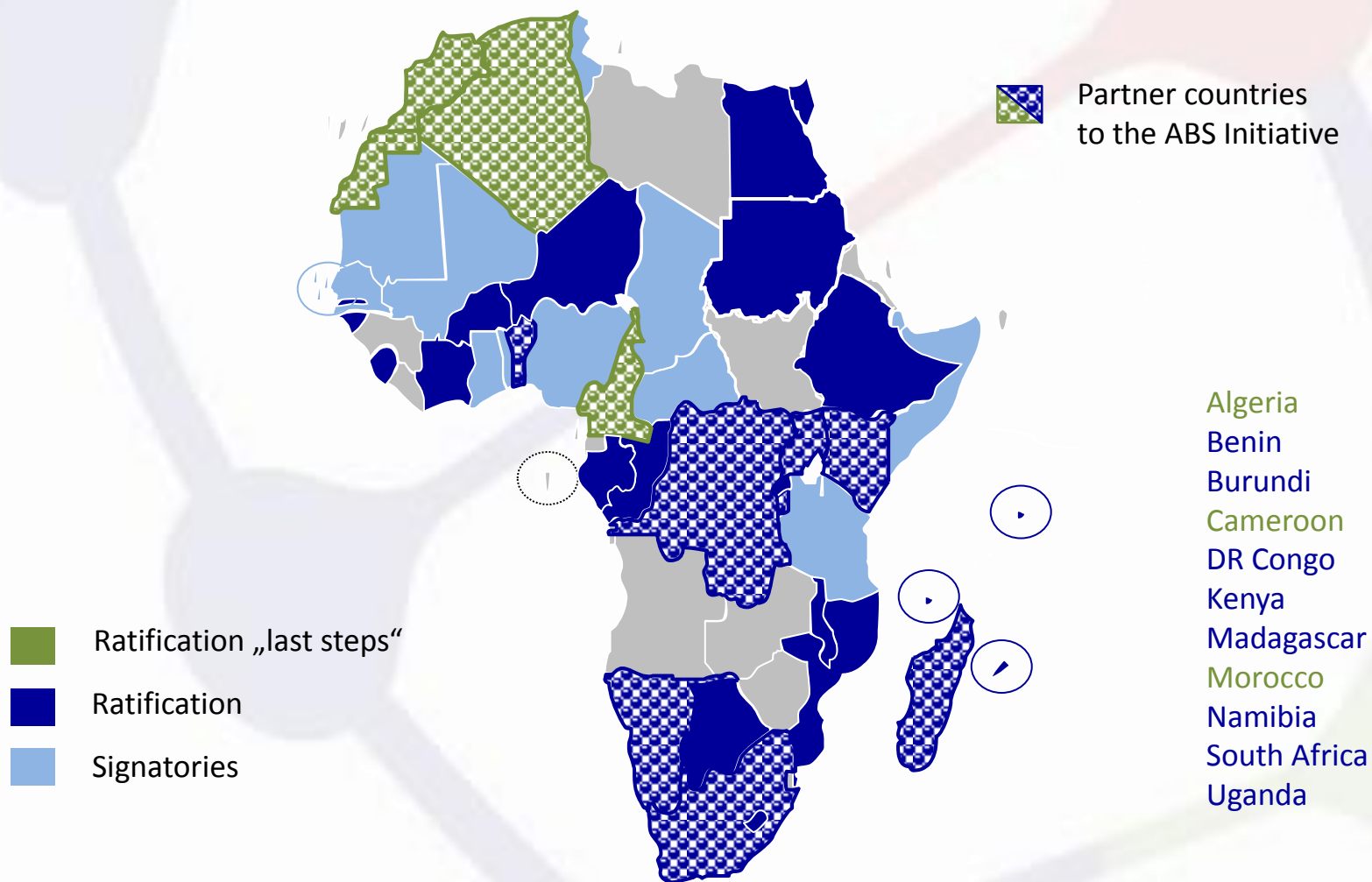
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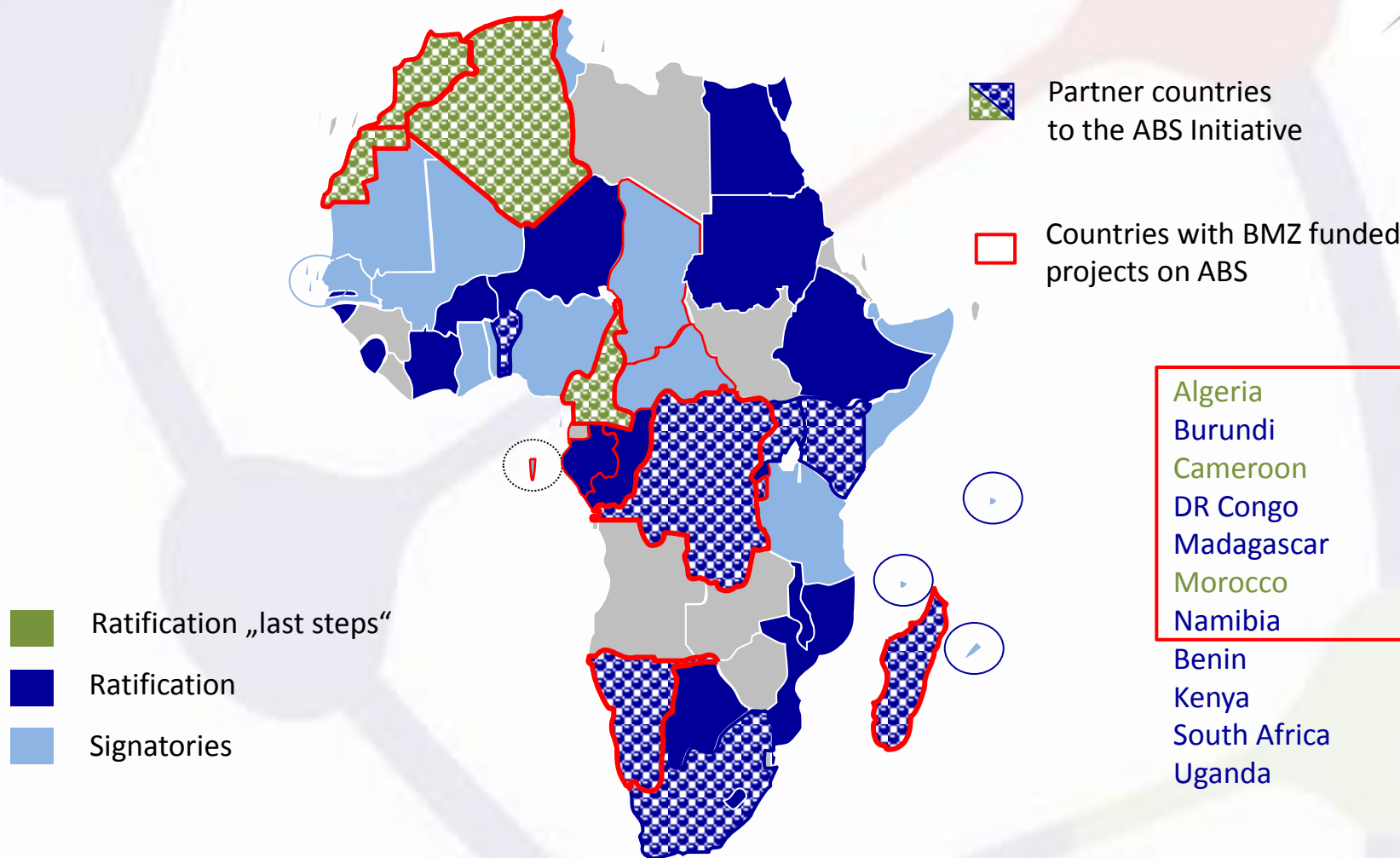
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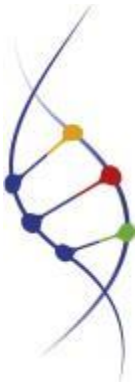
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INTERVENTION LOGIC OF THE ABS INITIATIVE



STEERING AND GUIDING



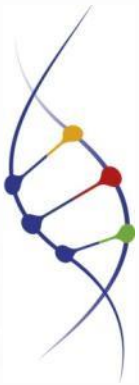
OUTCOMES IN PARTNER COUNTRIES

CORE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESSES SUPPORTING PARTNER COUNTRIES:



AUXILIARY PROCESSES

Support packages



Tailored to countries' needs – along roadmap

Guidance on developing and implementing institutional and legislative ABS frameworks

Dialogue and exchange fora with ABS stakeholders

Identification of cooperation partners and innovation opportunities for ABS agreements

Specific ABS awareness raising among policy makers, public administration, academia, private sector, IPLCs

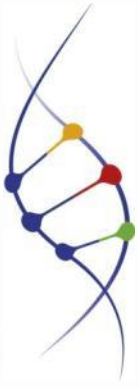
Trainings on negotiating MAT clauses

Model contract clauses, codes of conduct, guidelines, standards and practices

Facilitation of learning and exchange: Blended learning

(Sub-)regional trainings and workshops

Example: Dialogue forum

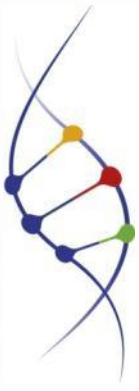


South-South Dialogues on Key Challenges and Practical Ways Forward for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol – South Africa & India (2014)

- Brazil, India, South Africa plus
- National studies as basis for experience exchange



Examples: Tandem/Team Workshops



Addressing Interfaces between international regimes

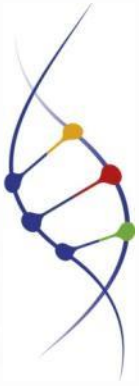
(in partnership with Bioversity International)

- **Expert Meeting** to explore the „grey areas“ between the NP and the ITPGRFA (2013)
- **Tandem Workshop** for ABS/NP and Treaty NFPs (2014)
- **National Pilot Projects** for the supportive national implementation of the NP and the Treaty in Madagascar and Benin (2015-2018)
- **Country Team Workshops** (5 members/country) for the supportive national implementation of the NP and the Treaty (2015-2016)

Involving IPLCs in national ABS processes

- **Country Team Workshop** (4 IPLC reps/country) for developing strategies for IPLC involvement in national ABS processes (2014)
- **Country Team Workshop** (5 members/country) for discussing/developing national IPR strategies including TK protection (in partnership with WIPO, 2015)

Examples: Technical Trainings



Capacity Development on ABS

- **Basic Training Course on ABS** in partnership with the University of Cape Town
- Training course for **Lawyers from ACP countries** in partnership with IDLO, CISDL and the SCBD)

Intellectual Property Rights in ABS Agreements

- Training courses on **ABS and IPRs**: Anglophone, Francophone & Lusophone African countries
- Training course on **MAT negotiation** piloted at regional level in Fiji and national level in Ethiopia



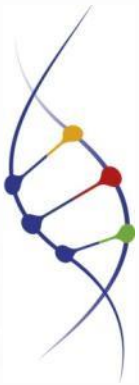
Beneficiaries and benefits



The ABS Initiative's support benefits relevant ABS stakeholders in specific ways.

Beneficiaries	Benefits
Decision makers & legislators	Policy options, legal implications, institutional and technical requirements
National authorities	Processing access applications, issuing permits, facilitating ABS partnerships
Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs)	Managing natural resources, interaction with government and users
Providers	Conceptual, technical and legal advice; establishing ABS compliant value chains
Users	Information about domestic regulatory context, (non-)governmental actors, national particularities, PPP options

Country assessments



Country visits by teams from Jun – Oct 2015

Common need of all countries so far

- IT-based central application and monitoring system
- Awareness material aiming at governmental and research institutions, IPLCs, and private sector
- MAT and negotiation training

Key options for cooperation in Uganda

- Exchange fora between authorities of Uganda (provider, monitoring), private sector (user) and authorities in selected EU user countries (monitoring)
- Supporting development of ABS-compliant value chains (e.g. *Prunus africana*)

Key options for cooperation in Kenya

- Supporting the vision “One-Stop-Shop” by creating a suitable setting to discuss needs and formats for coordination
- Scoping study on county role and needs in terms of ABS, and development of tools and procedures (according to 2010 constitution, the decentralised county system plays a critical role in PIC and MAT)



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