



Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing: ABS Capacity-building Activities in the Biennium 2015-2016

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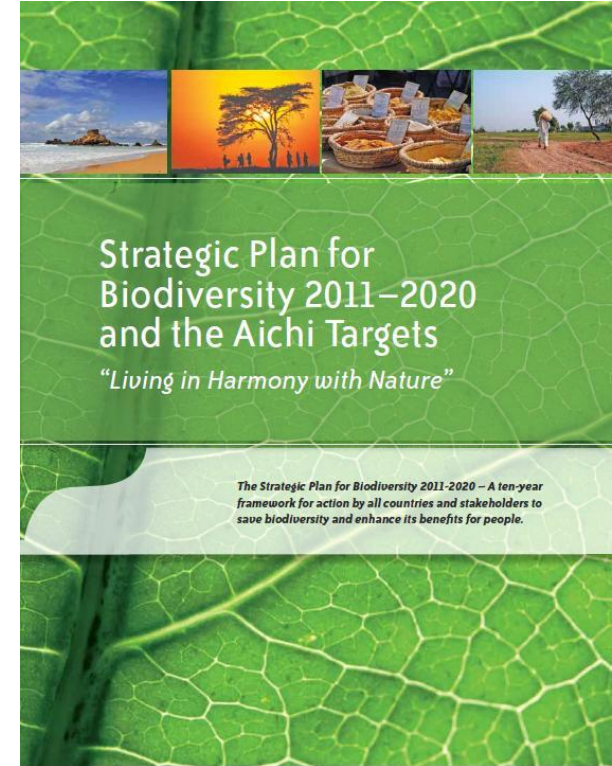
Strategic Plan & Target 16

- Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets



Target 16:

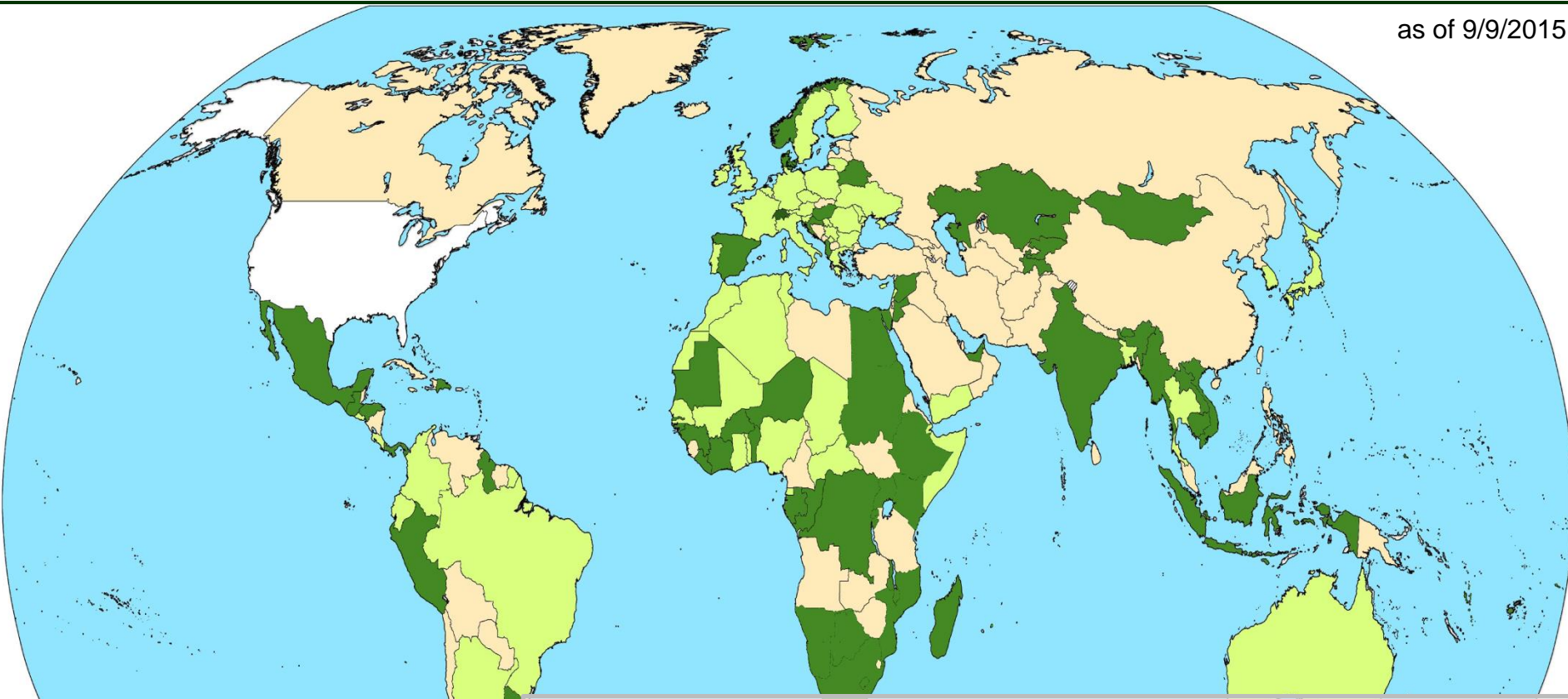
By 2015, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization is in force and operational, consistent with national legislation.





Status of the Nagoya Protocol: 65 ratifications/ accessions, 92 signatures

as of 9/9/2015



-  = Non CBD Parties
-  = CBD Parties
-  = NP Signatories
-  = NP ratified/acceded

Albania, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Comoros, Congo, Côte D'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, European Union, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, the Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Norway, Panama, Peru, Rwanda, Samoa, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Viet Nam



Key Objective for Nagoya Protocol

- 12 October 2014: Nagoya Protocol entered into force
 - ✓ First part of Aichi Target 16 achieved
- Focus now on achieving part two of Aichi Target:
 - **Making the Nagoya Protocol operational and consistent with national legislations as soon as possible**



SCBD ABS Capacity-Building Activities for the Biennium 2015-2016

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Four capacity-building components for the biennium 2015-2016:

1. Support to governments in the development of national ABS measures
2. Support implementation of the Awareness-raising Strategy
3. Support participation in the ABS Clearing-House
4. Support implementation of Nagoya Protocol in a mutually supportive manner with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)



1. Support to Governments in the Development of National ABS Measures

- A. Developing and making available training materials
- B. Organizing four training courses on the development/ amendment of ABS regulatory frameworks
- C. Online global networking forum for national legal leaders

Implementing partners:

- International Development Law Organization (IDLO)
- ABS Capacity Development Initiative



1. A. Training Materials

- Training materials (including e-learning modules) are available online in English, French and Spanish
- 8 training modules are developed on
 - National ABS strategy/policy options
 - Institutional arrangements
 - Access to genetic resources
 - Benefit-sharing
 - Traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources
 - Compliance
 - Legal reform processes



1. B. Four Training Courses

- National tandems (lawyer and policy officer) are trained in the development/ amendment of national ABS regulatory frameworks
- Focus on countries that have ratified/acceded or are close to ratification/accession of the Nagoya Protocol
- 4 training courses will be delivered through a blended approach through
 - E-learning training and
 - 5-day instructor-led face-to-face training
- Participating countries will be grouped according to the level of development of their national ABS systems



1. C. Online Global Networking Forum

- Maintenance of a network of legal experts on ABS to encourage:
 - Peer-to-peer knowledge-sharing,
 - Resource/ experience exchanges, and
 - Further learning on ABS legal issues.
- Establish forums for online discussions and peer-to-peer chats
- Monitor developments at the national and regional levels



2. Support to the Implementation of the Awareness-Raising Strategy

- A. Developing an ABS awareness-raising toolkit available through the ABS Clearing-House in 6 official UN languages in order to enable Parties to develop awareness-raising strategies at national, regional or sub-regional level:
- to conduct communications situation analysis, and then
 - to develop needs-based awareness-raising strategies, materials and activities.

Implementing partners:

- Communication and capacity-building providers (to be identified)



2. A. Awareness-raising Toolkit

Toolkit to include:

- Suggested survey methodologies for the development of awareness-raising strategies
- Templates, guidelines and examples of methodologies for the creation of national awareness-raising strategies and outreach activities
- Guidelines for training and communication activities
- Examples of AR activities carried out by others
- Guidelines on possible structure of workshops to train communicators and engage target actors.



3. Support for Participation in the ABS Clearing-House

ABS Clearing-House Website: <http://absch.cbd.int>

- A. Building capacity to participate in the ABS Clearing-House
- B. Providing training and guidance material

Implementing partners:

- Capacity-building providers can integrate capacity-building for the ABS-CH in their activities and initiatives and use the materials, resources and technical support available.



3. A. Capacity-building on the ABS Clearing-House

- Relevant national authorities are trained in registering and searching information in the ABS Clearing-House
- Capacity-building support activities are conducted in response to specific needs
 - Needs assessment and evaluation to understand specific needs
 - Provision of technical support: webinars, one-on-one online training sessions, training website, online learning tools
 - Provision of technical backstopping: one-on-one technical assistance through Skype and other means
 - Organization of hands-on training events
 - Provision of direct follow-up support



3. B. Training and Guidance Material

- Guidance materials and an e-learning module on the ABS Clearing-House are developed in order to ensure that Parties' publishing authorities have required expertise and sufficient capacity-building resources to train national users of the ABS Clearing-House
 - Materials can be adapted to the needs of different users
 - Materials will be available in the 6 official UN languages
- Training website is now available for testing the ABS-CH and building capacity of users (<https://training-absch.cbd.int/>)



4. Implementation of Nagoya Protocol in a mutually supportive manner with ITPGRFA

- A. Contributing to the organization of two tandem workshops
- B. Supporting the implementation of the Darwin Initiative funded project on mutually supportive implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the International Treaty in Bénin and Madagascar

Implementing partners:

- Bioversity International
- ABS Capacity Development Initiative
- Secretariat of the ITPGRFA
- African Union Commission



4. A. Two Tandem Workshops

- Tandem Workshops (NP and ITPGRFA national focal points) are organized and convened for Africa and Asia-Pacific
- Capacity of Protocol and Treaty national focal points from approx. 70 countries is built
 - to understand the interface of the Protocol and the Treaty
 - to be able to coordinate implementation of the two instruments in a mutually supportive manner



4. B. Project on Mutually Supportive Implementation of Nagoya Protocol and ITPGRFA

- Providing technical input and guidance to assist lead agencies in Bénin and Madagascar to
 - Draft legal measures necessary for mutually supportive implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the International Treaty in Bénin and Madagascar
 - Draft community protocols (or other suitable mechanisms) to support members of four local communities to address ABS issues



Support to Indigenous and Local Communities

- Establishment of a Training Programme for IPLCs trainers with a focus on Article 8(j) and related provisions, including a major component on the Nagoya Protocol, ABS and the role of community protocols.
- A global workshop, Guatemala, June 2015 with IPLCs and representatives of Parties, to plan for the regional training programmes in 2016.
- The training programmes will include face to face workshops being planned for the African region (Nairobi, January 2016), the Asian region (Bhutan, March 2016), Pacific region (Australia, June 2016), Latin American region (Panama, August 2016), and a sub-regional workshop for the Caribbean (Antigua-Barbuda, July 2016).



Thank you

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