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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Capacity-building for access and benefit-sharing

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision VII/19F, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Action Plan on Capacity-building for access and benefit-sharing and invited Parties to use the Action Plan when designing and implementing national, regional and subregional plans and strategies to build capacities for access and benefit-sharing of genetic resources and related traditional knowledge.

In paragraph 5, Parties are also requested to make information available through the clearing-house mechanism and to include information in national reports regarding their implementation of capacity-building measures on access to genetic resources and related traditional knowledge, and benefit-sharing.

The Executive Secretary is requested to facilitate, including through the clearing-house mechanism, the sharing of relevant information among donor Parties and organizations to assist coordination, reduce duplication and identify gaps relevant to the implementation of the Action Plan.

The Action Plan recognizes that in view of the multiplicity of actors undertaking capacity-building initiatives for access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, mutual information-sharing and coordination at all levels should be promoted to encourage synergies and to identify gaps in coverage.

The database set up by the Executive Secretary includes information on various ongoing capacity-building projects related to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing and is available at the following address: <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socioeco/benefit/projects.aspx>.

To: International organizations, indigenous and local community representatives and all relevant stakeholders



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International organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders are invited to make available **any new information** regarding capacity-building projects as soon as possible but no later than **31 December 2006** by filling out the data entry form in Annex 1. Information regarding future projects should also be provided to the Secretariat as it becomes available.

Please note that, in order to facilitate preparatory work, all submissions should be provided in Word format.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

ANNEX 1

Database on ongoing ABS capacity-building projects

DATA ENTRY FORM**General guidelines for completing the form**

For a project to be included, it should be primarily aimed at building capacity for access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing. The project should be implemented over a period of time (preferably over six months) and should not be a one off event (e.g. organization of a workshop or a study tour). It should include several activities over a period of time. Detailed description of the project and other relevant information (e.g. project reports), where available, should be provided as a separate attachment (Word format or a web-link would be appreciated).

General description:**Title of project or programme:**

Status

Indicate whether the project is ongoing, planned or completed

<input type="checkbox"/>	Planned
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed

Period

Indicate the specific dates of the project

	Date (Day/Month/Year)
From	
To	

Country(ies) or Region(s)

Indicate in which geographic region or in which country (ies) the project is being implemented

Participating organization(s)

Lead organization(s) implementing the project or providing support:

Type of implementing agency(ies)

Please indicate, in the following list, the type of organization(s) which initiated and is/was mainly responsible for the implementation of the project

	Inter-governmental organization
	UN System Organization
	Non-governmental organization
	Government
	Private foundation
	Industry
	Research/Scientific
	Education/University

If other, please specify:

Other collaborating organizations/agencies, if applicable:

Main target group or target audience

Please indicate, in the following list, the main target group/audience and beneficiaries of the project.

	Government officials
	Policy makers
	Civil servants
	Indigenous and local community representatives
	Farmers
	Researchers/scientists
	Business sector
	Civil society
	Other

Contact details

Provide the name and position of a contact person who will be responsible for updating information about the project and responding to requests from the database users for further information.

Title (Mr, Ms, Dr):

Name

First Name:

Last Name:

Designation/Job title/Function:

Organization:

Address

Street Address	
Postal Code	
City, State or Province	
Postal Code	
Country	

International Phone Number:

International Fax Number:

Email address:

Web site:

Funding

Source

Please indicate whether the source of funding for this project is multilateral or bilateral

<input type="checkbox"/>	Multilateral
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bilateral
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Funding agency(ies)

Please indicate the funding agency and the amount of funding

Name of funding agency	
Amount in US\$	

Goals and objectives

State the overall goal of the project and outline the main objectives

Overall goal:

Specific objectives:

Scope and activities**Main capacity building areas**

The following list of capacity-building areas related to access and benefit-sharing is based on the key

areas requiring capacity-building identified in the Action Plan on capacity-building for access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing (included in Annex to decision VII/19F). For ease of use and to facilitate database searches, the description of key areas has been synthesized. Reference to the relevant paragraphs of the Action Plan are included in parenthesis. Please indicate, out of the following list, the main capacity-building areas to which the project is contributing:

Assessment, inventory and monitoring of genetic resources and related traditional knowledge (paragraph 5(b))	
Assessment, inventory and monitoring of in situ and ex situ conservation activities (paragraph 5(b))	
Bioprospecting (paragraph 5 (d))	
Valuation of genetic resources and related traditional knowledge and development of their market potential (paragraph 5 (e))	
Impact of access activity on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity (paragraph 5 (o))	
Inventories and case studies of existing policies and legislative measures related to access and benefit-sharing (paragraph 5 (g))	
Development of relevant policies and legislation on access to genetic resources and related traditional knowledge (paragraph 5(h))	
Development of appropriate measures in countries with users of genetic resources under their jurisdiction to support compliance with measures in provider countries related to prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms (paragraph 5(f))	
Information systems for information management and exchange linked to the Clearing House Mechanism under the Convention (paragraph 5 (i))	
Information to all potential users on their obligations regarding access to genetic resources and related traditional knowledge (paragraph 5 (q))	
Public education and awareness with respect to access and benefit-sharing issues (paragraphs 5 (k) (m))	
Human resource development at all levels related to access and benefit-sharing (paragraph 5(l))	
Development and strengthening of the capacities of indigenous and local communities (paragraph 5(j))	
Clarification and/or recognition of rights and claims of indigenous and local communities over genetic resources and related traditional knowledge (paragraph 5 (p))	

Institutional capacity-building (paragraph 5(a))	
Inter-institutional coordination (paragraph 5(n))	

For the capacity-building areas identified above, please indicate whether the capacity-building activity(ies) is/are being carried out at the national, regional/subregional and/or international levels.

National level activities	
Regional, sub-regional activities	
International level activities	

Please describe the nature of activity(ies)

Outcomes and lessons learned

Outcomes:

Lessons learned, including additional resources needed:

Any other relevant information:
