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### **The Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Development Law Organization celebrate launch of 2017-2018 capacity building program**

**15 November 2017** –The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Development Law Organization renewed their collaboration for a joint capacity building program to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.

The program, with support provided by the Japan Biodiversity Fund and the European Union, is committed to advancing the capacity of national lawyers and policymakers to support country-led processes for the development or revision of national Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) regulatory frameworks.

Following the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol in October 2014, many countries are now actively engaged in making the Protocol operational. A key challenge in the Protocol's implementation is building the necessary capacity to enable countries establish new or amend existing domestic ABS legislative, administrative and policy measures.

The program combines e-learning modules, interactive face-to-face training workshops and a Global Network on ABS Law for online peer-to-peer sharing. Six training courses on “Establishing Measures to Implement the Nagoya Protocol” will be hosted in Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America as well as the Pacific Region.

This approach has been proven successful in the previous project phase 2015-2016 and will be adapted to the needs, priorities and experiences of the new participants. A call for expressions of interest will follow in due course.

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