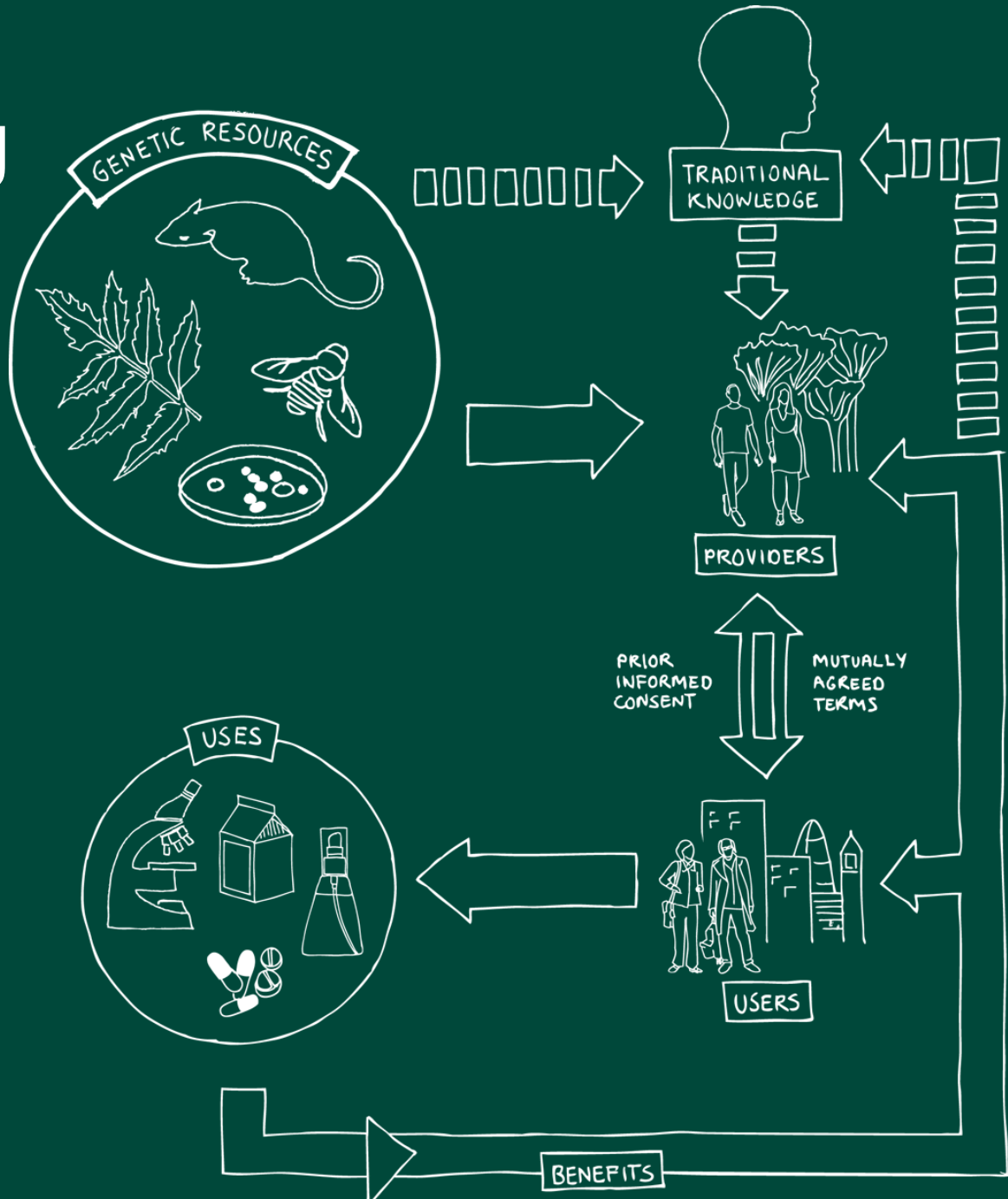
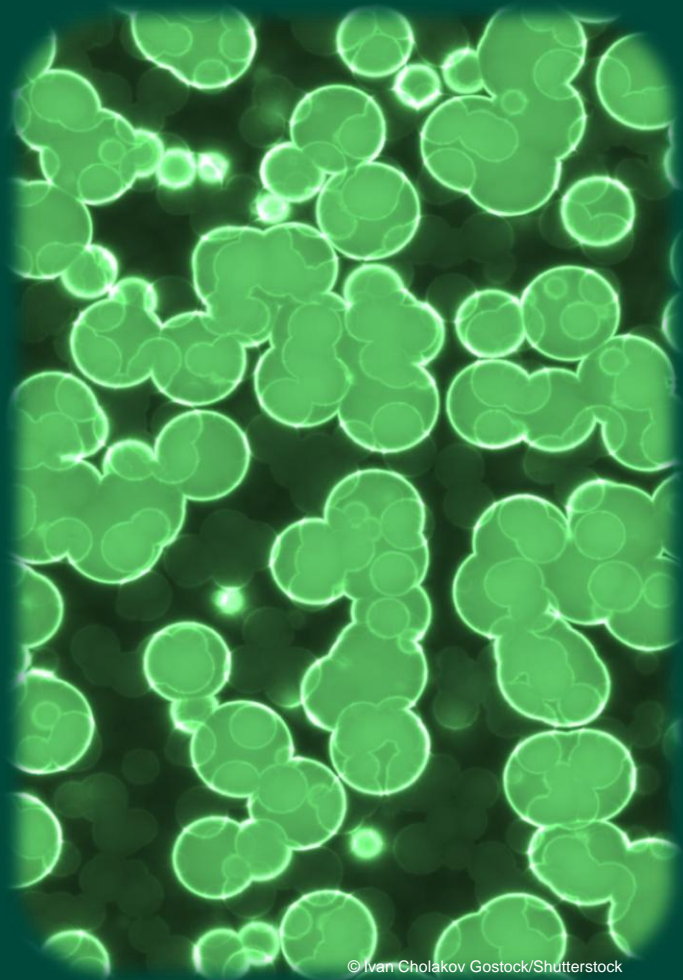


Access and benefit-sharing information kit



Introduction on access and benefit-sharing



An information kit was developed to build awareness on ABS. The key themes addressed in the information kit are:

- Access and benefit-sharing
- Uses of genetic resources
- Traditional knowledge
- The Bonn Guidelines
- National Implementation
- The Nagoya Protocol on ABS

A brochure, factsheets and PowerPoint slides can be downloaded at:

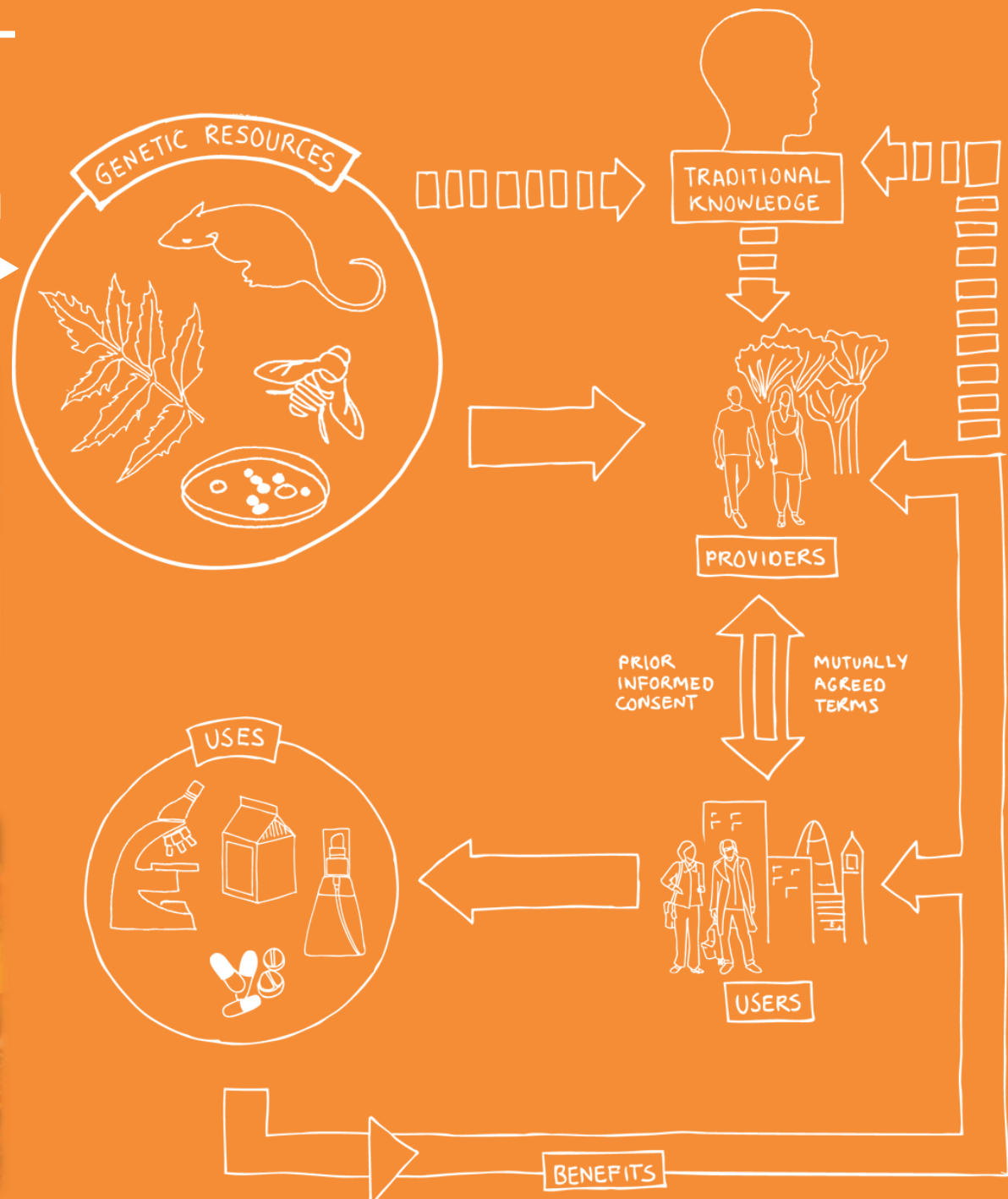
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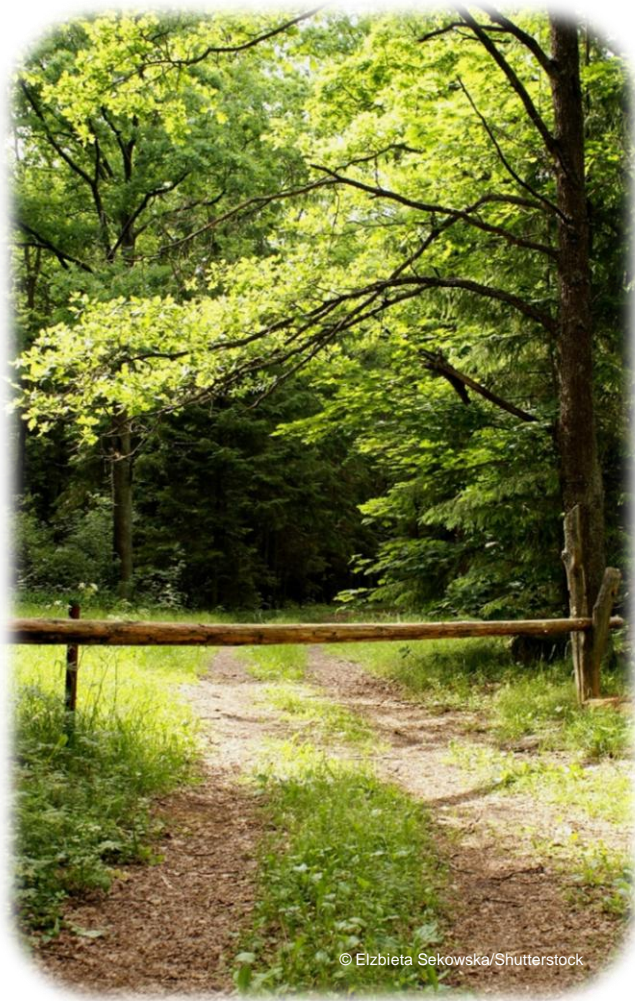
- Governments are to adopt national measures in order to facilitate access to genetic resources and to ensure benefit-sharing, in accordance with the CBD
- Measures for implementing ABS may include:
 - Regional strategies, policies, legislation, regulations and codes of conduct
 - The choice of measures will depend on national circumstances



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National implementation



National implementation ensures:

- Legal certainty and a fair relationship between users and providers
- Confidence to providers that users will respect proper procedures for access and share benefits fairly
- Facilitated access for users (i.e. info on who to contact and what are the procedures for access)



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National implementation



Governments should consider **measures for users and providers** of genetic resources to ensure:

- A transparent framework exists which facilitates ABS
- That users under their jurisdiction negotiate mutually agreed terms with the provider country prior to accessing genetic resources



Essential to **ensure benefit-sharing** from the use of genetic resources



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National implementation

- To date, countries have largely focused on developing measures as providers of genetic resources to regulate access to their resources and to ensure they receive benefits that may arise from the use of these resources
- A number of countries have also adopted measures to ensure that users under their jurisdiction comply with the ABS requirements of provider countries
 - e.g. amendment of patent laws so that the origin of genetic resources is disclosed, thereby encouraging benefit-sharing



National implementation

- Some groups of users such as botanists and researchers have developed voluntary instruments, guidelines and codes of conduct
- These are useful to raise awareness on ABS and encourage compliance with the ABS provisions of the CBD

- Examples of such instruments can be found on the CBD Secretariat's webpage at: www.cbd.int/abs/instruments/



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National implementation



Relevant information and procedures to include in ABS measures:

- Who is the competent national authority that grants access to which genetic resources
- How to obtain prior informed consent
- What to include in the mutually agreed terms between users and providers



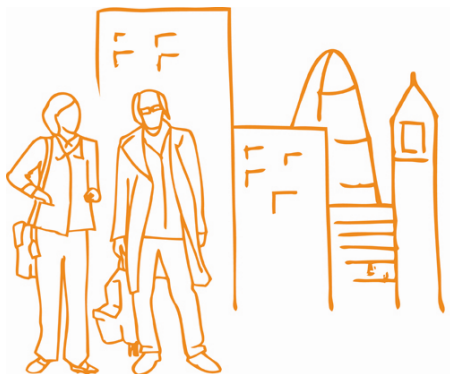
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National implementation

To achieve national implementation, governments should have:

- **National Focal Point(s):** Provides information on who to contact, and the correct procedures to follow, for access to genetic resources
- **Competent National Authority(ies):** Responsible for granting access to genetic resources, and represents providers on a local or national level



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National implementation

- To help providers and users understand various ABS measures around the world, the CBD Secretariat holds a **database on ABS measures**
- The database includes:
 - Measures taken by Parties in order to implement the ABS provisions of the Convention
 - Measures undertaken at the regional, national, sub-national or community level
 - An overview of the main ABS elements of each regional or national regime
- The database is available at: www.cbd.int/abs/measures/

