



Leaving room in the Protocol* for the development of specialized international ABS arrangements

Examining the case of agricultural microbial genetic resources

Side event during the CBD Resumed Ninth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing, Montreal, July 2010

Tuesday 13 July
13.15 – 14.45
Room 5, Level 3

Speakers will address how – in the longer term – specialized international access and benefit sharing norms could be fashioned to support the use of microbial genetic resources in agricultural research and development, ultimately contributing to increased food security. Because there is not time before Nagoya for delegates to consider such approaches, it is important that the CBD ABS Protocol leaves room for the evolution of specialized international ABS arrangements in the future.

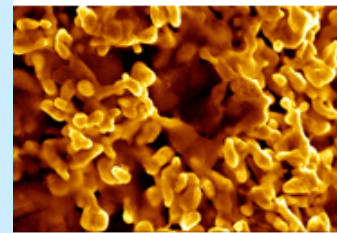
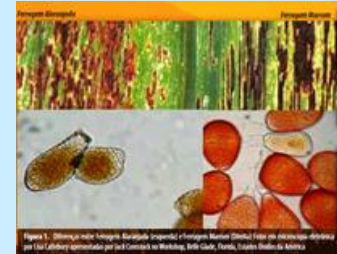
Maria José Sampaio, Policy Advisor, Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation (Embrapa) – Ministry of Agriculture, Brazil: *Countries' interdependence on agricultural microbial genetic resources (AMiGR)*.

Nancy Patricia Chaves Méndez, PhD candidate, University of Costa Rica; Research Assistant, Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE): *The importance of internationally pooled microbial genetic resources for agricultural research: the case study of Fusarium oxysporum*.

Paul F. Uhler, J.D., Director, Board on Research Data and Information at the U.S. National Academies in Washington, DC., USA: *A compensatory liability regime to promote the exchange of microbial genetic resources for research and benefit sharing*.

Michael Halewood, Head, Policy Research and Support Unit, Bioversity International, Rome, Italy: *Opportunities for the development of ABS norms after the adoption of the CBD ABS Protocol*.

*The Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity



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