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Understanding Private sector practices and needs

Prerequisite to establish functional ABS systems and agreements

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Take off "ABS Initiative"

2005: WG-ABS 3, Bangkok: African request for support

commissioned by **GCC** Programme implementing the Biodiversity Convention
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Implementing Action Plan Capacity Building ABS IV / 24 b

Buitenlandse Zaken

Ontwikkelings

samenwerking

2006: Launch of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa at COP 8 in Curitiba

Today's Donors (ACP Region):

Partners:



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Supporting ABS value chain establishments

Participation of ILCs

 Pilot projects on <u>BCP development with Natural Justice</u> and COMPAS : Ethiopia, Ghana/Burkina Faso/Benin, Kenya, Namibia and South Africa

ABS partnerships with the private sector

- <u>Analyzing supply chains re "utilization"</u> of member companies – focus Southern Africa - PPP with the Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT) and PhytoTrade Africa:
- <u>Testing Bio-cultural Protocols</u> (BCPs) as interface between private sector -ILCs - cooperation with UEBT and Natural Justice: in Madagascar, Brazil,Peru
- <u>Setting up ABS compliant value chains in Africa / Pacific –</u> Partners from North and South, small and big in scale
- Joint activites in outreach and dialogue on ABS







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Activities planned / ongoing:

- Study distinguishing ABS and Biotrade
- Book practical learning on ABS contracts
- Study negociation process between between ILCs and the private sector?
- Based on the experiences of UEBT Natural Justice project
- IBSA+ Exchange on « user measures »
- Study TK : where is today TK held in Africa?
- Study GR business potential
 - SEN/ CAM / KEN / RSA / MOZ / MAD (UNEP / GEF 4)
 - Assessing ntl. enabling environments, pollîcies / strategies / regulations (transaction costs)
 - What's happening with the countries biodiversity? What sectors are using GR ? What are the commercial opportunities?
 - Patent analysis (full text and GBIF crossreference)



ABSPAT Analysis 1980 - 2010 (EU / US) – Madasgascar

Origin: patents referenced to Madagascar (text research)

- 134 230 docs refering to species found in Madagascar
- 512 patents refering to Madagascar as origin: 2 706 species

Distribution: BR being endemic to Madagascar (GBIF crossreference)

224 species only found in Madagascar are referenced in 830 patents

Focus: 73 species with provenance Madagascar (e.g. in patent mentioned - *collected - in Madagascar*)

Species	Kingdom	Data Type	Distribution		
Cedrelopsis grevei	plantae	Origin & Distri	Endemic		23
Euphorbia hedyotoides	plantae	Distribution	Endemic		21
Catharanthus roseus	plantae	Origin	Endemic		21
Coffea species	plantae	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	1	8
Ravensara anisata	plantae	Distribution	Uncertain	13	
Paecilomyces viridis	fungi	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	13	
Mycobacterium madagascariense	bacteria	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	8	
Microcebus murinus	animalia	Distribution	Endemic	8	
Catharanthus ovalis	plantae	Distribution	Endemic	8	
Ormocarpopsis species	plantae	Distribution	Endemic	7	
Kalanchoe orgyalis	plantae	Distribution	Uncertain	7	
Kalanchoe aromatica	plantae	Distribution	Uncertain	7	
Kalanchoe ambolensis	plantae	Distribution	Uncertain	7	
Adansonia grandidieri	plantae	Distribution	Endemic	7	

Technology Areas



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One species – many careers



2011

CPH 2

2012

CPH 3

2013

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Copenhagen Dialogues with the private sector





« Green Gold » pattern

- · How do sectors access / use GR and their actives?
- Where is R&D been untertaken ?
- Realistic picture on R&D timeframe and milestones across sectors
- Discuss PIC / MAT options based on sector SOP
- Trust building and CSR policies

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Copenhagen II: The Nagoya Protocol and the Green Economy - how to make it work ? 5 – 6 June 2012



Guiding questions

- · What would enabling environments for ABS look like?
- · What are the duties of governments?
- · Which sectors "utilize" GR how and where?
- · How can ABS be a test-model for a win-win green economy?





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What we learned :

- Differentiation between user and provider country is reducing
- One-off and continuous access to GR is complementary rather than exclusive
- Emergence of flexible models:
 - pre-identified characteristics of genetic resources
 - valuation of intellectual property
- Countries that provide genetic resources are setting up their own R&D capacities; initial R&D steps in providing countries
 - in-country product development
 - improved market access



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Copenhagen III: The Nagoya Protocol on ABS: Implementing the Green Economy! 4 – 5 September 2013



Objective: to guide policy makers at the national level in the establishment of effective ABS systems,

• Bringing together a great variety of users and providers of GR and other stakeholders

- Providing an update on regulatory and other relevant developments
- Presenting and discussing selected business and R&D models from the Pharmaceutical, Food & Beverages, Cosmetics and Biotechnology
- Identifying ways how CSR policies could integrate, as well as support ABS, in particular equitable benefit-sharing

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Food and Beverages: Product Development Process



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Lessons learnt from sectoral presentations (I)

- R&D and product development processes are complex and differ even on a case to case basis.
- Some common patterns:
 - food &beverages and cosmetic
 - pharmaceutical and biotech sector
- Common elements to the 4 sectors:
 - e.g. go/no go decisions throughout the R&D process
 - IP considerations
 - development of science / technology is changing industry practices (e.g. genomics))
- Huge variations :
 - re. level of science & technology used, investments in R&D (0 10 %)
 - need to access GR (e.g. continuous, one-off, tiny samples)
 - use of TK
 - SOP (larger producer / retailer vs. small specialist intermediaries)
 - level of internal R&D (from 100% in house to outsource of R&D)...



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Lessons learnt from sectoral presentations (II)

- ABS regulatory frameworks need to reflect realities
 authorisation process, adapt timing / content of PIC & MAT
- Recognition of different abilities capacities to BS:
 value of non-monetary benefits; expectation management
- Legal certainty decisive for any investements, in particular the issue of scope:
 - what's in ? / what's out? ABS vs. Biotrade
- Transparent and simple procedures
 - incl. clearly **defined responsibilities** and timelines
- Outreach and information on ABS
 - trust-building essential





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"Vicious Triangle"

Lack of trust

Lack of working ABS systems

Lack of mutual understanding

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High-level segment on trust and CSR



- Bring NP into force as a global platform, then further clarify open issues
- Start implementation, move together forward: learning by doing
- Mutual trust, sharing of knowledge to create understanding of challenges / sectors
- Accommodate different needs with different models (MAT)
- Manage expectations and look into feasible immediate benefit-sharing, e.g. training
- Be pragmatic and realistic, avoid red tape and facilitate business by
 - Simple access procedures
 - Model clauses/ business term sheets
- Long term investments and revenues need functioning systems and trust
- Seek win win and focus on shared objective: green economy!

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