



NATURAL JUSTICE



SGP The GEF
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CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
CoP-11, Hyderabad (October 8-19, 2012)

Friday 12 October, 6:15pm – 7:45pm
Media Centre (beside HITEX 1)

GEF SGP; ABS Capacity Development Initiative; Natural Justice

Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS): exploring past experiences and future opportunities for indigenous peoples and local communities through new synergies and partnerships

In light of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) and an emerging number of national ABS frameworks as well as an increasing overall awareness of ABS, a new set of opportunities for communities to benefit from their role as custodians of genetic resources, and holders of traditional knowledge (TK) is likely to emerge. To prepare and respond to these new opportunities and challenges a new partnership was recently established between the 'ABS Capacity Development Initiative' (a multi-donor initiative implemented by GIZ), the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), implemented by UNDP, as well as the NGO Natural Justice, each contributing a unique set of expertise and networks. The side event will present this newly established collaboration to review and discuss the opportunities it raises for the design and implementation of a new generation of national and local-level ABS partnerships.

Agenda:

1815 - 1820h: Introduction: Santiago Carrizosa (UNDP)

1820 - 1830h: Overview and Update of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative post Nagoya - Andreas Drews (GIZ)

1830 - 1840h: Community Protocols and ABS - Johanna von Braun (Natural Justice)

1840 - 1850h: Opportunities for ABS engagement through the GEF Small Grants Programme implemented by UNDP - Terence Hay-Edie (GEF SGP)

1850 – 1910h: Discussants: GEF SGP Grantees:

Pacari (Brazil); Guna Yala (Panama); Muliru Farmers Conservation Group (Kenya); Sambandh (India)

1910 - 1930h Discussants: SGP National Coordinators and ABS Focal Points:

Singay Dorji (GEF SGP Bhutan); Shireen Samarasuriya (GEF SGP Sri Lanka); ABS Focal Point for Cameroon

1930h Q&A; Informal Discussion and Reception

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