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ABS: Setting the Scene

**Practical Workshop on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources,
Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions/Folklore**

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1992:

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)



Article 1: Three objectives of equal standing

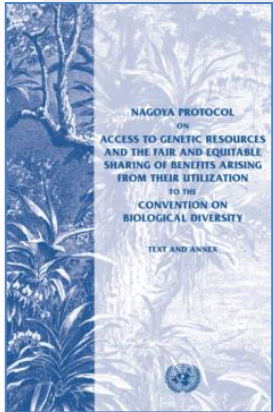
1. Conservation of biological diversity
2. Sustainable use of its components
3. **Fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources (GR)**



**Convention on
Biological Diversity**

2010:

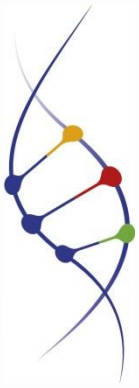
Nagoya Protocol on ABS



- Entered into force in **October 2014**
- Currently **62 Parties** (27 from Africa)

Legal certainty and transparency

- For **providers**: ensuring **benefit-sharing** once GR leave the provider country
- **Preventing misappropriation** of GR and associated traditional knowledge (aTK)
- For **users**: providing for **clear and transparent procedures for access** to GR and aTK



**PROVIDER
COUNTRY**

PIC

*Competent National
Authority; (IPLCs)*



MAT

*Terms of Use (e.g. Commercial
or non-commercial; IP; 3rd party)
Benefit-sharing (monetary or
non-monetary)*



Permit



Notified to ABS Clearing-House



International Certificate of Compliance

**GRs/aTK
+
Certificate**

**USER
COUNTRY**

Utilization of GRs

Checkpoints:

*Research publishing houses
Research institutions subject to
public funding
IP offices
Authorities providing regulatory or
marketing approval of products*

Monitoring utilization of
GR/aTK (i.e. PIC, MAT,
source of GRs/aTK)

Benefit-sharing

**Interplay of provider and user
country in the utilization of GR / aTK**



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