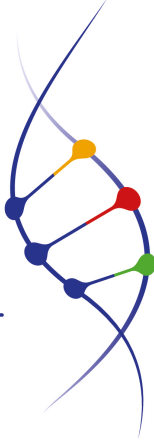


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Agenda



13:20	<p>Opening</p> <p>Facilitation: Suhel al Janabi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sören Müller (Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation, Germany)• Gaute Hanssen (Ministry of Climate and Environment, Norway)• Sanne Kruid (Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Netherlands)• Katie Beckett (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, UK)
13:40	<p>ABS capacity development for transformative change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hartmut Meyer, Suhel al-Janabi (ABS Capacity Development Initiative, Germany)
14:00	<p>Panel round with partners in implementation</p> <p>Facilitation: Hartmut Meyer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Davies Chogawana (Environmental Affairs Department, Malawi)• William Lockhardt (Co-Chair DSI Informal Advisory Group, UK)• Alaki Véronique Koffi Epse Amari (Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable, Côte d'Ivoire)• Mohlago Flora Mokgohloa (Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa)• Eric Kibichum Kimalit (Endorois Welfare Council & IPLCs of Kenya, Kenya)
14:30	<p>Dialogue with audience</p>
14:50	<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hartmut Meyer (ABS Capacity Development Initiative, Germany)

Welcoming Remarks



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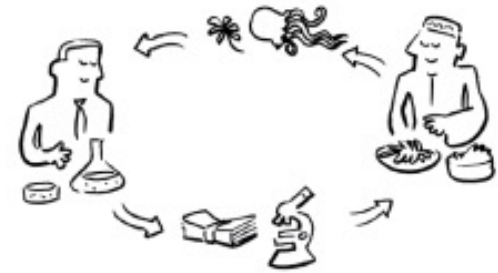
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ABS Initiative - Objective

The ABS Initiative contributes to **poverty reduction**, food security, **technology transfer**, **social development** including **equity and rights**, and **biodiversity conservation** through implementing the Nagoya Protocol on ABS and the third objective of the CBD in its entirety.

MAKING ABS WORK FOR YOU

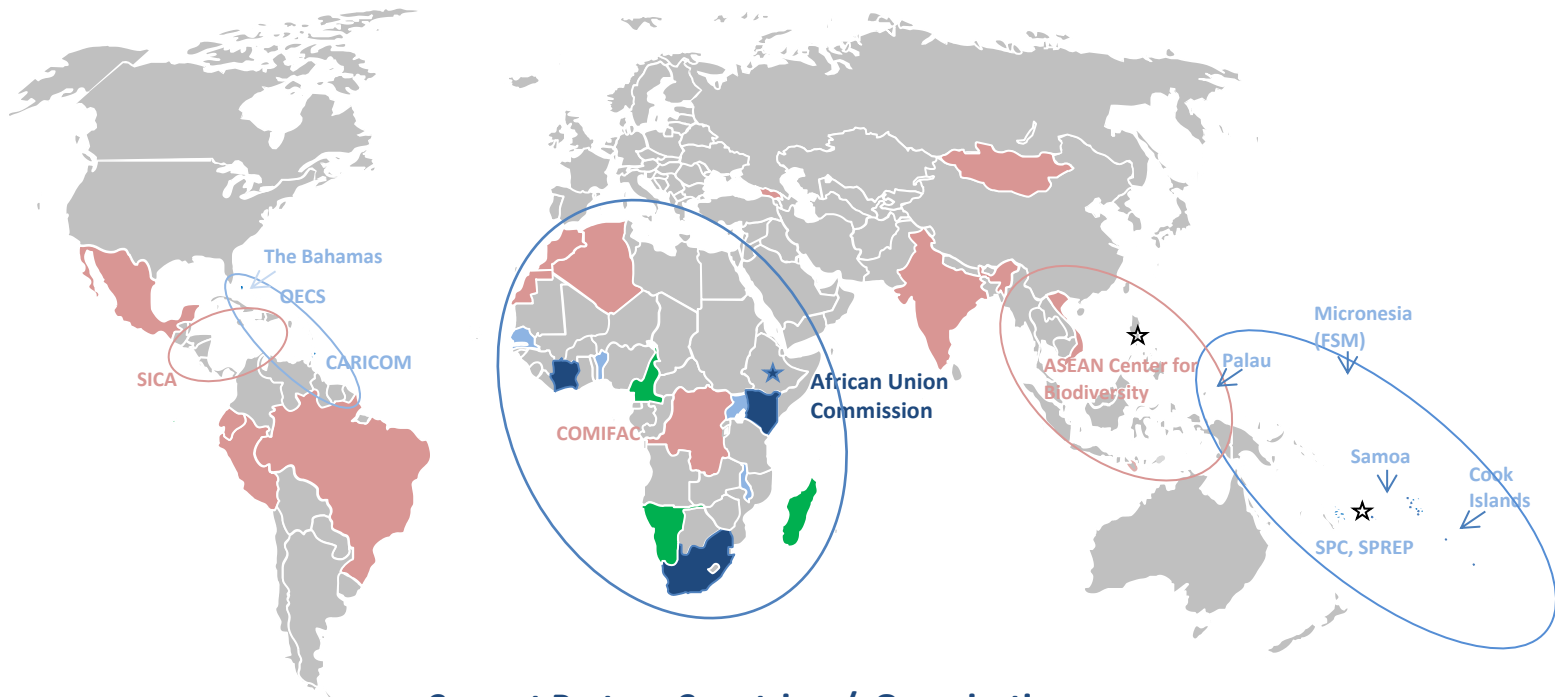
THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OF UEBT,
PHYTOTRADE AFRICA AND THE ABS INITIATIVE



Commitment to

- co-shape & **provide impulses to the international discussion** about **new concepts for benefit-sharing** from the use of biological resources in the context of GBF (incl DSI)
- foster & accompany the establishment of **multi-stakeholder partnerships** between providers and users
- support national / regional actors to foster **the integration of R&D, BioTrade, use of GR / BR, fair benefit-sharing** in trade, economic, conservation **policies / strategies**
- improve **active participation of IP&LCs** in negotiations of benefit-sharing agreements / management of sustainable biodiversity-based value chains

ABS Capacity Development Initiative worldwide activities (2006-2024)



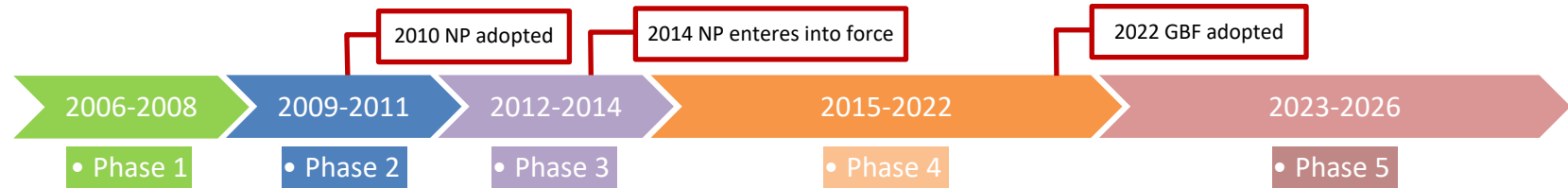
Current Partner Countries / Organisations
(Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, South Africa, AUC)

Partner countries of sister project BioInnovation Africa

Former cooperation countries / organisations

Working with German bilateral development cooperation countries

Post-GBF programming phase



Focus

- **National BS monitoring concepts**
- **ABS business & cooperation conditions**
- **DSI: Dialogue / Capacity Development**

Digital solutions

Focus

- **MSPs on challenges in commercial ABS compliant value chains**
- **MSPs on simplified access conditions in research projects**

Regional and international exchanges

ABSAP and sub-regional processes

1. **New concepts for implementing of (Acces &) Benefit-Sharing under KMGBF**

2. **Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships** between providers, users, regulators

Outputs

3. **ABS & BioTrade Integration** in nat'l / Internat'l conservation, trade, economic policies

4. **Improved participation / uplifting of IPLCs** in ABS-compliant value chains

Building upon existing networks

Strengthening IPLCs for their transformative agenda

Focus

- **ABS / BioTrade in African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation**
- **Mainstreaming within national strategies / processes incl. NBSAPs**

Gendertransformative approaches

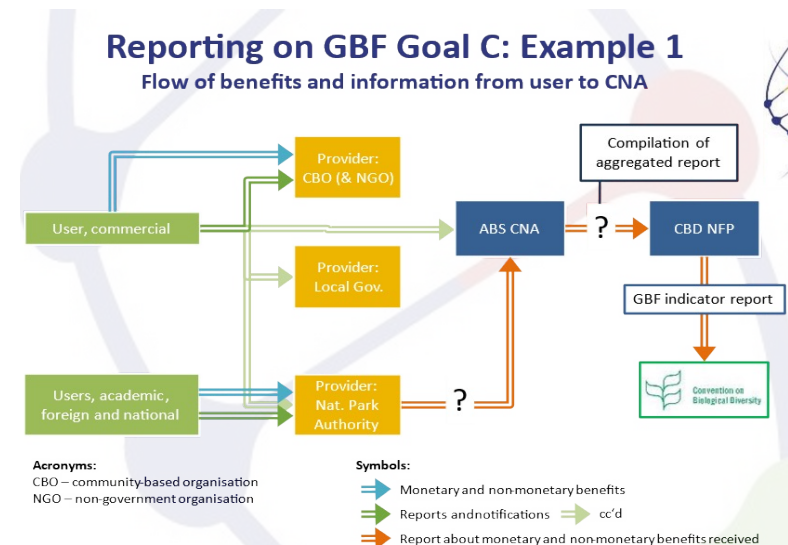
Focus

- **Negotiation Skills: R&D / Valorisation, ABS contracts**
- **Value addition: Integration as actors in value chains**

1.1 Monitoring benefit-sharing under the KMGBF

Concepts of national systems available to SCBD, Parties

- Most CBD / NP parties lack approaches to monitor benefit-sharing (or have no systematic reporting & filing structures)
- Initial exchanges on conceptual approach with > 10 countries (from Africa, GRULAC, Asia-Pacific, WEOG)
- Participation in SCBD-study on ABS Indicators (> 20 interviews)
- Develop “archetypes” on monitoring approaches
- Based on SBSSTA 24 outcomes :
 - Create “monitoring” working group
 - Typology of non-monetary benefits
 - Develop national monitoring concepts
 - Inform CBD process



1.2 ABS cooperation and business conditions

Dialogue with private sector & joint implementation of ABS based on a feedback mechanism of the private sector

Addressing industry specific challenges when implementing ABS



Process:



FEEDBACK

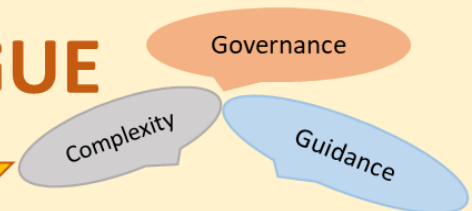
by private sector on
national ABS processes



DIALOGUE



Improved ABS-
implementation



1.3 Capacity development for DSI benefit-sharing

Increasing technical understanding & contributing to constructive negotiations for the DSI benefit-sharing MLM



- Recognition: information gained from GR & biological molecules is crucial for current / future R&D and commercial products
- Support to CBD Parties, rights- / stakeholders to:
 - increase (mutual) understanding
 - develop positions on DSI benefit-sharing
- Provision of information / room for exchange on
 - identified knowledge gaps
 - key elements of a future multilateral mechanism on DSI

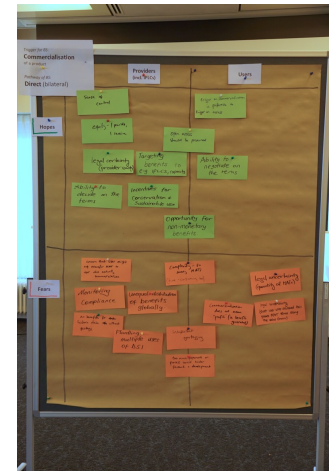
- Activities until COP 16:

African Science-Policy
Dialogue on DSI

Technical Webinars
(IP, AI,...)

Study on potential
DSI products & global
sales

DSI user exchange
and negotiator's
dialogue



2.1 Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (commercial)

Establishing MSPs between providers and users to better valorise genetic resources and traditional knowledge

Further develop a flourishing biotrade and bioprospecting sector



South Africa

Focus on **Sector Development Plans**

Baobab
Marula
Honeybush

Sceletium
Aloe
Buchu



- Governance & co-ordination run by national sectoral associations

Kenya

Support to value chain development of

- Aloe species
- Gums & resins



- Support to national IP&LC network
- Development of MSPs in Marsabit County

Côte d'Ivoire

- Identification of genetic resources
- Workshops & trainings (with SMEs, local facilitators & IP&LCs, researchers)



- MSP processes in Comoe-Region

2.2 Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (Research)

MSPs to support development of simplified access measures & benefit-sharing

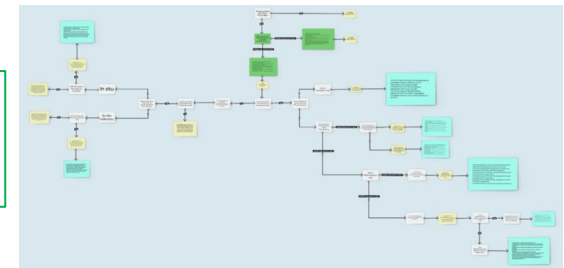
- Unclear / untransparent access procedures hindering collaborative research, slowing down benefit-sharing
- Time-consuming & costly process for research institutions when dealing with different ABS procedures in different countries
- Possible improvement through **MSPs**:

Validated guidance on application steps & requirements

Facilitation of permitting process

Develop consortia models with common benefit-sharing agreement

- Identification of possible MSPs under way:
 - East Africa: Regional livestock genomic research
 - Southern Africa: Ecosystem research and taxonomy
 - West Africa: One Health / pathogene collection and research



3.1 ABS/BioTrade integration into AfCFTA implementation

Enhancing KMGBF implementation in Africa by using opportunities arising from the African Continental Free Trade Area



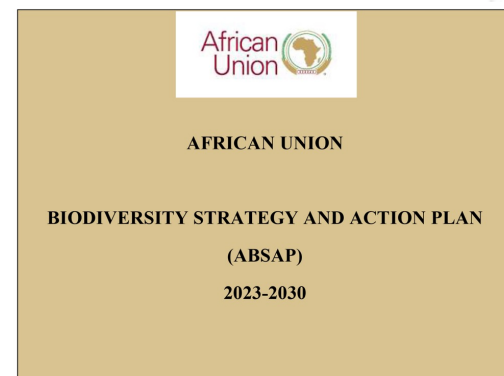
- Building on past work on “greening trade” by various actors
- Initiate discussions amongst African regulators and experts: integrate biodiversity topics in national implementation of AfCFTA
- Use of progressive biodiversity-related provisions of the AfCFTA Protocol on IPRs in amending African IPR regulations
- Promoting biodiversity topics at trade-related fora and meetings
- Cooperation partners:
 - GIZ AUC project on AfCFTA
 - AUC, various departments
 - UNCTAD BioTrade project



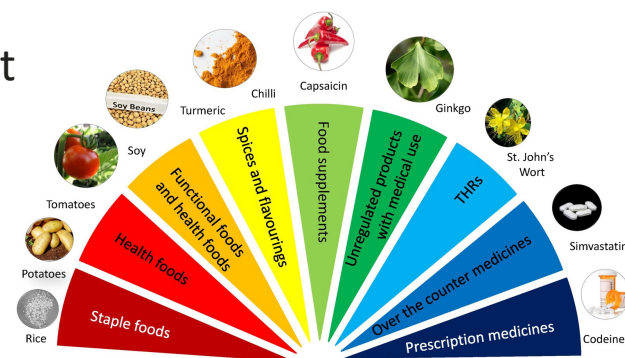
3.2 National ABS / BioTrade mainstreaming

Integration of ABS, R&D, biodiversity-based value chains in national strategies and policies

- Enabling conditions for ABS value chains require more than just ABS regulations & systems
- Crucial: enabling & complementing policies, capacity development, mobilising capital
- Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society Approach is key, as demanded by the KMGBF
- Integrate of industry/trade, health, agriculture (authorities & stakeholders) in revision of NBSAPs to overcome silos
- Analyse entry points in partner countries (beside NBSAPs): NDP's, SDG Agendas, sectoral trade / research / rural Devp't
- Support finalisation & use of the African Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (ABSAP)



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Source: Heinrich et al., 2019

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4.1 Participation of IP&LCs in the negotiation of benefit-sharing agreements

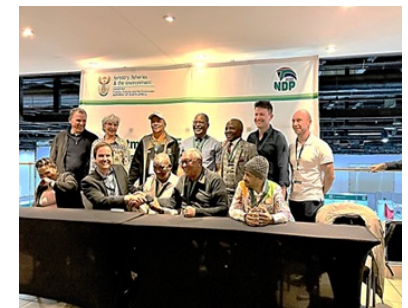
Technical knowledge, skills and social preparedness

- Identification / engagement IP&LCs (potentially) being providers
- Mutual understanding: ABS - cultural settings of IP&LCs
- *Objective*: IP&LCs build own, intrinsically motivated ABS approach
- Integration into MSPs & ABS negotiation & valorisation training

Côte d'Ivoire: Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) – Entry points: Kings and Chiefs, training of local facilitators, IP&LC Workshops, selection for ABS processes, further trainings, MSPs

Kenya: ABS Contract Training – IP&LCs legal experts amend training for IP&LC, supporting IP&LCs in negotiations, IP&LC platform

South Africa: Training & coaching of holders of traditional knowledge; **facilitation of dialogues** with users, integration in sector value chains



4.2 Participation of IP&LCs in the management of sustainable biodiversity-based value chains

Motivation and technical skills

- Through prior steps IP&LCs are motivated to engage
- Technical training for IP&LCs' participation in value chains
- Coaching along the processes
- *Objective:* IP&LCs take active role in value addition

Cote d'Ivoire / Kenya: strengthen grassroot cooperatives:

- Positioning in markets & cooperation with governments
- Training-the-Trainers materials
- Matchmaking with European commercial users

South Africa: IP&LC-dialogues & integrated approach:

- Through multi-stakeholder process IP&LCs become stewards of agency
- Active participation in biodiverse bioeconomy & value chains
- Partner with others focussing on needs of the next generation

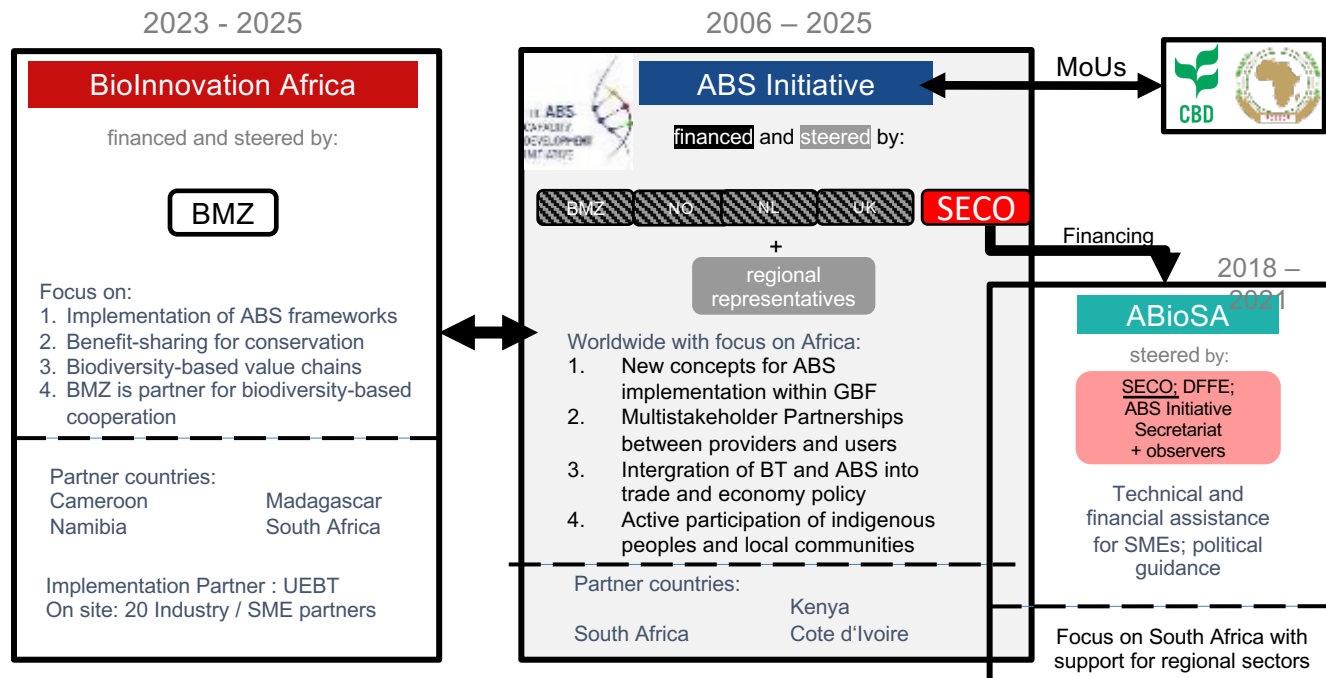


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