



## The ABS Project Outputs and Activities

### Research and Development of Information and Policy development Tools (Outputs currently ready or in process):

- *"Guide to the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources"* G. Moore and W. Tymoski; Partners: FAO, IPGRI, WFP
- *"Analysis of the Implementation of Access And Benefit-sharing Regulations in Selected Countries"* J. Cabrera
- *"ABS issues of high-endemism, low-diversity countries (desert and tundra)"* R. Wynberg, with L. Haidar, W. Nasser, T. Baldursson, L. Ouedraogo
- *"Process Analysis, What decision-makers need to know about the Processes for Bioprospecting and Utilisation of GR for Various Purposes"* L. Christiansen with I. Meliane
- *"Applying ABS: Experience at National Level and Role of Regional Integration"* N. Chishakwe and T. Young
- *"Legal Analysis Regarding Options and Prerequisites for a Workable and Effective International ABS Regime under the Convention on Biodiversity"*
- *"Synthesis: The Results and Conclusions of the ABS Project's First year of Work in preparation for COP-7 and the International Regime,"* Young
- *Summary Handbook for CBD Delegations: Options and Process for the Development of an International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing*

Other Papers being Prepared under the "Workshops and other Affiliated Activities" discussed below

Additional research, focused on direct assistance with national and regional regime development, being planned.

Workshops and Advisory Work: The following workshops (in whole or in part) under this project:

- Latin American Expert Workshop on Certificates of Origin (Lima) Partners: SPDA, INE, INRENA
- Expert Group on Fitting the Ex-situ Collections within the International Regime (Bonn)
- Support to international workshop on ABS legislation (Davis California)

Additional workshops, including addressing practical issues of IPR implementation at national and regional level, planned

Technical Assistance:

- Development of a team of “regional experts in legal and policy work toward national and multilateral implementation of ABS”
- Direct inter-regional and cross-regional technical assistance and information exchange
- Development of a toolkit for national and regional creation and implementation of effective ABS regimes, and workshops and other programmes for training local personnel in its use.

**Participation in Relevant Meetings and Forums:** Participants supported, who can provide input to assist parties in particular forums relevant to ABS

Global meetings: Meetings attended/scheduled to date include:

AHWG-ABS – 2

GBF – UNCCD

COP7

WIPO and related processes

Other meetings in coming years as appropriate

Regional meetings: Meetings attended/scheduled to include:

SADC Meeting on Revision of the SABSP

EU SAP-DEC

Management Workshop – IUCN West African Regional Office.

**Other Activities:**

- Peer review (Project Advisory teams) and mechanisms: Over 20 members of the “Peer Review Team have been selected and have agreed to participate. The project is now widening the scope of its activities, to attract other experts, interested in being part of the “Advisory Team” (persons of great interest, but lesser qualification – this is also a mechanism for finding highly qualified people who are not yet known to the Project.)
- Online database of ABS legislation: The legislation and secondary instruments gathered in this project are being collated into an online database.
- Communication tools: Project website, including regular CD Rom versions sent to mailing list of persons unable to obtain consistent access to the internet. The website will include publicly available pages and downloads, and is used as a communication tool with the members of the international team, as well as the peer reviewers and other advisors.

**Synergies:** Co-ordination with other projects working on ABS, particularly legal and implementation issues and technical assistance. (Currently in direct collaboration with 3 other global projects, and 2 national projects. Additional collaboration is planned for next year.) Creating mechanisms for improved collaboration between existing projects on ABS.