



Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing



The Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing

The Nagoya Protocol was adopted in 2010 in response to effective implementation of Article 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Currently Parties to the Protocol are developing national implementation frameworks on access to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

The Nagoya Protocol aims:

- To ensure appropriate access to genetic resources and transfer of relevant technologies.
- To create greater legal certainty and transparency for both providers and users of genetic resources.
- To ensure sharing of benefits upon mutually agreed terms and prior informed consent taking into account traditional knowledge and all rights arising from those genetic resources.

Objectives of UN Environment Interventions

- Support development of legal and institutional frameworks and build capacity of Parties to meet the requirements of the Nagoya Protocol.
- Create incentives to conserve biodiversity and sustainable use of its components through ABS.

Supporting Activities

In support of the objectives, UN Environment is assisting 30 countries to implement projects and activities leading to the ratification or accession to the Nagoya Protocol, while preparing the groundwork for effective implementation. Twenty participating countries have ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol, contributing to its entry into force in October 2014. These activities are supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Future Plans

- Speed up the ratification or accession process to the Nagoya Protocol by Parties to the CBD.
- Build and strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders, including indigenous and local communities, national agencies and the private sector to promote an understanding of the opportunities of the Nagoya Protocol and to negotiate relevant agreements.
- Develop national regulatory and administrative procedures on access and benefit sharing.
- Strengthen sharing of information and experience sharing on relevant issues relating to access and benefit sharing through the clearing house mechanisms.

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