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BRIEF ON A KENYAN SIDE EVENT THAT SHALL BE HELD AT

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA
PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE
SHARING OF BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION

CBD-COP 14 / NP-COP-MOP 3

SIDE EVENT #2809

TITLE: ONLINE SYSTEM FOR ABS APPLICATIONS, PERMITTING
AND TRACKING UTILISATION IN KENYA

VENUE: EL WADI - CONTACT GROUP 6 ROOM BUILDING 2

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, EGYPT

DATE: 21st November 2018

Wednesday @ 13:15 - 14:45 Hrs.

Background information

To establish a clear and transparent mechanism addressing access to genetic resources according to Article 6.3 of the Nagoya Protocol, promoting biodiversity research, conservation and reducing overexploitation of genetic resources the Kenyan Government through NEMA in partnership with the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Capacity Development Initiative (implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and hosted by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development) is developing an integrated online permitting and monitoring system. The integrated online permitting and monitoring system shall integrate the existing permitting systems in Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), The National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovations (NACOSTI), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) and the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) into a one stop window. The one-stop-shop system will be providing a platform for all users and all authorities involved in the steps from application, export to tracking research, development and commercialization of Kenya's biological resources, genetic information and associated traditional knowledge.

The ABS Capacity Development Initiative aims to contribute to poverty reduction, food security, and technology transfer, social development including equity and rights, and biodiversity conservation through implementing the Nagoya Protocol on ABS and the third objective of the Convention on Biological Diversity in its entirety. Established in 2006, the ABS Capacity Development Initiative is currently funded by the governments of Germany, Switzerland, the Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable (IFDD), and the 11th European Development Fund under the ACP-EU Cooperation Agreement. NEMA is coordinating this process through the Kenyan consultant firm, AMBAND Ltd. and the UK-based consultant firm POMC Consulting Ltd. To this end, the consultants have collected data and designed a permitting system that is now undergoing validation by each government agency in preparation for the single window integration. The concept for the online system has been published and is available at <https://abskenya.tk/>. Once successful the Kenyan online ABS system will be one of its kind among the Parties to the Protocol, and governments who intend to ratify or accede to the Protocol and it is hoped that it will revolutionize ABS frameworks if adopted by parties.

The side event

Kenya through NEMA and in partnership with the ABS Capacity Development Initiative successfully registered for this side event ID No. 2809 to showcase and share experiences and lessons learnt in the development of an “Online System for ABS Applications, Permitting and Tracking Utilization” at the COP/MOP 3 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. The side event shall be chaired by the head of the Kenyan delegation to CBD-COP 14 / CP-COP-MOP 9 / NP-COP-MOP 3 and he is expected to give an opening statement.

The side event will be convened on Wednesday 21st November 2018, from 13:15 to 14:45 Hrs. The side event shall be held at El Wadi - Contact Group 6 Room Building 1 within the venue of the NP-COP-MOP 3 and whose capacity is 248 people. Some 30 to 50 participants are expected to attend the side event. The ABS Initiative shall cater for catering services to all participants of the side event. The event has been accepted and published at <https://www.cbd.int/side-events/2809> for interested delegates to attend. Further, the side event shall be promoted on the IISD Reporting Services website set up for CBD-COP 14 / CP-COP-MOP 9 / NP-COP-MOP 3 for greater outreach and awareness of the side event.

A concept paper that sets out the concept and model for online ABS permitting and monitoring systems to facilitate national implementation of the access, benefit sharing, monitoring and reporting provisions of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity has been published and circulated through the side event publications portal. A media brochure entitled ‘An Integrated Online and Monitoring System for Biodiversity Access and Benefit Sharing’ has been developed and published for more information about the implementation of this online and monitoring system in Kenya to all stakeholders.

A power point presentation on the concept and its implementation in Kenya has been developed by the ABS Initiative and NEMA teams together with the consultants and it is expected that Dr. Hartmut Meyer, Advisor, ABS Capacity Development Initiative (GIZ) and Dr. Paul Oldham, POMC Consulting Ltd. shall make the presentation on behalf of the team.



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Hosts: NEMA - Kenya | ABS Initiative

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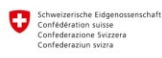
Venue: Room El Wadi - Contact Group 6 Room Building 2

- Topics:**
- i. Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing
 - ii. Capacity-building
 - iii. Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing

Programme of Activities

No.	Time	Activity	Facilitator
1.	13:15 – 13:20	Welcome Note	Facilitator
2.	13:20 – 13:25	Opening statement	Mr. Ali Noor Ismail, CBS Chairman of the side event and the Principal Secretary (PS) Ministry of Environment and Forestry (ME&F) - Kenya
3.	13:25 – 14:10	Concept and implementation in Kenya	Dr. Hartmut Meyer Advisor, ABS Capacity Development Initiative (GIZ) Dr. Paul Oldham POMC Consulting Ltd.
4.	14:10 – 14:40	Plenary	Facilitator
5.	14:40 – 14:45	Closing Remarks	Mr. Ali Noor Ismail, CBS Chair and PS ME&F

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