

KENYA'S 5th DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE HELD IN KAKAMEGA COUNTY

FROM 22ND - 27TH APRIL, 2018

ABS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE PARTICIPATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION

DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE

Kenya's 5th Devolution Conference was held on 22nd to 27th April, 2018 in Kakamega County. It was an annual event that brought together the leadership of the 47 Counties (Executive and legislators), Senators and National Government executive from different Ministries as per the law to discuss achievement of devolved functions and how well the two levels of Government could collaborate for effective service delivery.

This year's devolution conference was presided over by the president of Kenya through live televised video link from the state house due to bad weather. The focus was The President big four agendas; Universal health care, affordable housing, food security and manufacturing.

The conference had a delegate forum for discussions and sharing experiences, and exhibitors' dome to showcase diverse products/services offered by Counties, National Government, Government Parastatals, partners and stakeholders.

It was an opportunity for ABS Capacity Development initiative to participate in the conference in order to showcase benefits of Access benefit and sharing arising from utilization of genetic resources to National and County leadership through model community groups i.e. The Endorois Welfare Council on soda lakes, the required partnership and legislations.



Delegates conference



ABS Partnership model exhibitors

SHOW CASING MODEL BIOLOGICAL/GENETIC ABS PARTNERSHIPS

PARTICIPANTS/EXHIBITORS

- ✓ GIZ, ABS Capacity Development Initiative
- ✓ Kenya Wild Life Service
- ✓ Endorois Welfare Council from Baringo County – exhibition on ABS model on soda lakes from Lake Bogoria/BCP royalties
- ✓ Laikipia Permaculture from Laikipia County – exhibition on utilization of Aloes/Opuntia
- ✓ KANFCCO from Kakamega County – Exhibition on Mondia industrial products
- ✓ UNDP ABS Global project

GIZ ABS Capacity Development Initiative in collaboration with Kenya Wildlife Service under GEF/UNEP, LUSH and UNDP ABS Global project supported participation of the community groups to exhibit ABS model Partnership.

STAKEHOLDERS/PARTNERS SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION

STAKEHOLDER/PARTNER	SUPPORT
GIZ ABS Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitation of Delegate/Exhibitors from GIZ and Endorois Welfare Council• Provision of exhibition materials – Brochures, banners and ABS film documentaries
KWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and coordination• Decoration of the booth• Provision of exhibition materials• Facilitation of some exhibitors
LUSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitated Laikipia permaculture exhibitors• Provision of exhibition materials
UNDP ABS Global project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secured exhibition booth• Facilitation of some exhibitors



Laikipia permaculture



ABS film documentaries and banner



The Three community groups



ABS interested delegate from Marsabit County



KANFCCO from Kakamega exhibiting Mondia and wild silk value added products

RELEVANCE OF EXHIBITION

The ABS partnership model and show casing provided an avenue for awareness creation and sharing of experience and lessons learnt to National and County Government leadership and stakeholders, which will inform appropriate decision making mechanism in resource valorization, strategy, policy and legislative framework.

Devolution Conference Delegates including County executive and legislators visited the booth and appreciated ABS partnership Model to help in creating enabling environment in which genetic resources and the associated knowledge could be utilized for sustainable business growth, local development and biodiversity conservation.

County Governors of Laikipia and Baringo, and County assembly members for Kakamega County amongst others developed interest on ABS processes and were taken through PIC and MAT. They promised to fast track implementation on ABS aspects through enactment of appropriate legislations and support ABS related programs and budgets.

The exhibition also provided an opportunity to showcase Kenyan biological wealth and proper way of exploitation through ABS legislative framework and permitting process currently under development.

The exhibitors from local communities shared experiences on various ABS aspects



Baringo County Governor, getting explanation on soda lakes



Kakamega County Assembly members keen on ABS Model



Delegates having an interest to learn on ABS and its benefits

EXHIBITION MATERIALS

- ✓ ABS film documentaries and respective USBs' issued to delegates
- ✓ Brochures on an integrated online permitting and monitoring system for biodiversity access and benefit sharing , KWS and each of the three Community groups brochures on ABS Model
- ✓ Banners for – ABS Capacity Development Initiative, KWS and all the three community groups

- ✓ Natural resources for the respective communities – Laikipia Permaculture – Opuntia and Aloe value added products, Endorois Welfare Council – Value added products of Soda lakes and Kakamega – Stingless bees technology, wild silk and Mondia whytei



Mondia Whytei and its seedling



Stingless bees honey



Wild silk



Opuntia Juice, wine and aloe products



Mondia whytei



Packaging of information materials for distribution

Financial implication on GIZ ABS Capacity Development Initiative

Item	Description	Total Cost (KShs)
Facilitation for Technical Advisor	Transport through Taxi Accommodation and Meal	46,900

	allowance	
Endorois Council	Transport, Accommodation and meal allowances	63,000
Registration	Charges for three – Technical Advisor, two community participants	60,000
Banners	Two banners – ABS Capacity Development Initiative and Endorois Welfare Council	45,200
Brochures	Integrated online, permitting and monitoring system for biodiversity access and benefit sharing	14,000
TOTAL		229,100

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ The exhibition on ABS partnership model was unique, interesting and effective way of capacity development on Nagoya protocol. Opportunities of the same kind need to be explored and maximized
- ✓ Adequate funding and early preparation to be considered in future exhibitions
- ✓ County leadership (Executive and legislators) needed capacity development on ABS under Nagoya protocol
- ✓ Model Counties needed exchange programs to learn from each other and exposure on ABS under Nagoya protocol