



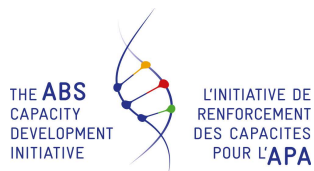
Introduction


Pan-African Workshop

Supporting an Enabling Environment for ABS and Biotrade

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Context of the Panafrican Workshop

History – Purpose – Objectives – Format – Participants - Organizers

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 and strategies**
- improve **active participation of IP&LCs** in negotiations of benefit-sharing agreements / management of sustainable biodiversity-based value chains



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PHYTO TRADE AFRICA AND THE ABS INITIATIVE



With whom ?

- 3 focal countries: Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, South Africa
- Regional and sub-regional organisations incl. AUC
- Partner countries from previous phases
- Global think tanks, UN organisations
- Industry, Academia and IPLC

Overview – current implementation

Output 1: New concepts for the implementation of sharing the benefits arising from the use of biological resources are provided for the international discussion in the context of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Output 2: Multi-stakeholder partnerships between providers and users of selected biological resources have been established.

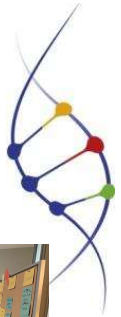
Output 3: Capacities of national and regional actors have been strengthened in order to integrate research and development, BioTrade and the use of biological resources and fair benefit-sharing into national trade and economic policies.

Output 4: The participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the negotiation of benefit-sharing agreements and the management of sustainable biodiversity-based value chains has improved.



What the ABS Initiative is doing

- Facilitation of national and regional **dialogues between providers and users** of BR/GR incl. DSI -> Multi Stakeholder Platforms
- Fostering **regional exchange and cooperation** in Africa (ABSAP / AUC)
- Development national systems for **monitoring of ABS** and DSI activities, in particular benefit-sharing (monetary and non-monetary)
- Training on practices and strategies for the **valorisation** of genetic resources
- **MAT negotiation** trainings: commercial / non-commercial contracts
- Sharing of best practices for **MSME development** and **sector-wide ABS approaches**
- **Capacity Development** and **International Dialogues** on DSI
- Supporting **IP&LC in ABS negotiation** and being **active actors** in the value chain
- **Technical and legal advice** to regulatory framework development / revision
- Supporting **Mainstreaming ABS** and integration into NBSAPs
- and much more



Support services and knowledge products

Communication and participation of IPLCs

- Conceptual guide and toolbox for practitioners (CEPA Guide)
- ABS image box
- Factsheet on biocultural community protocols (BCPs)

Implementation of ABS

- Policy and administrative options for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS
- Country studies on the implementation of ABS (South Africa, Brazil, India) and a comparative analysis

ABS agreements

- Guide to intellectual property issues in ABS
- Introduction to the rules for drawing up successful ABS contracts
- Contractual tool 2.0

Explanatory videos “Simply explained” and other knowledge products

- Study on biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, access and benefit sharing
- Information note on the contribution of ABS and the Nagoya Protocol to the SDGs / Agenda 2030
- DSI (Introductory guide; National approaches)

And much more: <https://www.abs-biotrade.info/resources/>



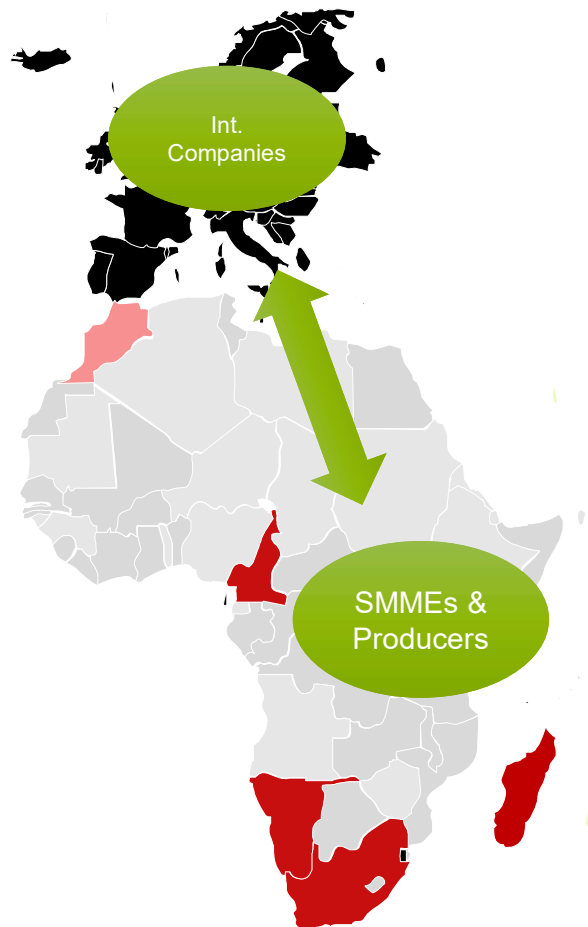
General project information

Project Objective: Support biodiversity-based, African-European value chains and foster social-ecological change through developing mutually beneficial business partnerships based on high ethical, social and environmental standards, including equitable benefit-sharing.

- **Commissioned by:** Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- **Partner countries:** Cameroon, Namibia, South Africa, Madagascar
- **Duration Phase I + II :** 07/2019 to 12/2025
- **Implementation partners:** Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT) and GeoMedia
- UNCTAD BioTrade Principles and Criteria and UEBT Ethical BioTrade Standards compass in project execution



Partnership approach



Partnership approach of actors of transnational, biodiversity-based value chains (VCs):

- from raw material producers to processors to manufacturers of end products
- Increasing demand for biodiversity-based products with high ethical and ecological standards on the (European) market is the starting point for the partnerships
- Triple win: rural development through green jobs/income, promotion of a sustainable private sector, (re-)investment in the conservation of biodiversity and livelihoods

Partnerships resources (phase 1)



Marula



Buchu



Centella



Manketti



Tetrapleura



Saro



Ylang Ylang



Colophospermum mopane



Beeswax



Honeybush



Rooibos



Mondia



Devil's Claw



Commiphora wildii 

Biodiversity based value chain model from the field to the product

Natural environment

Ingredients

Consumer products



Private sector partners (phase 1)





The Pan-African Workshop

as a building block for dialogues and exchanges – past and future





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