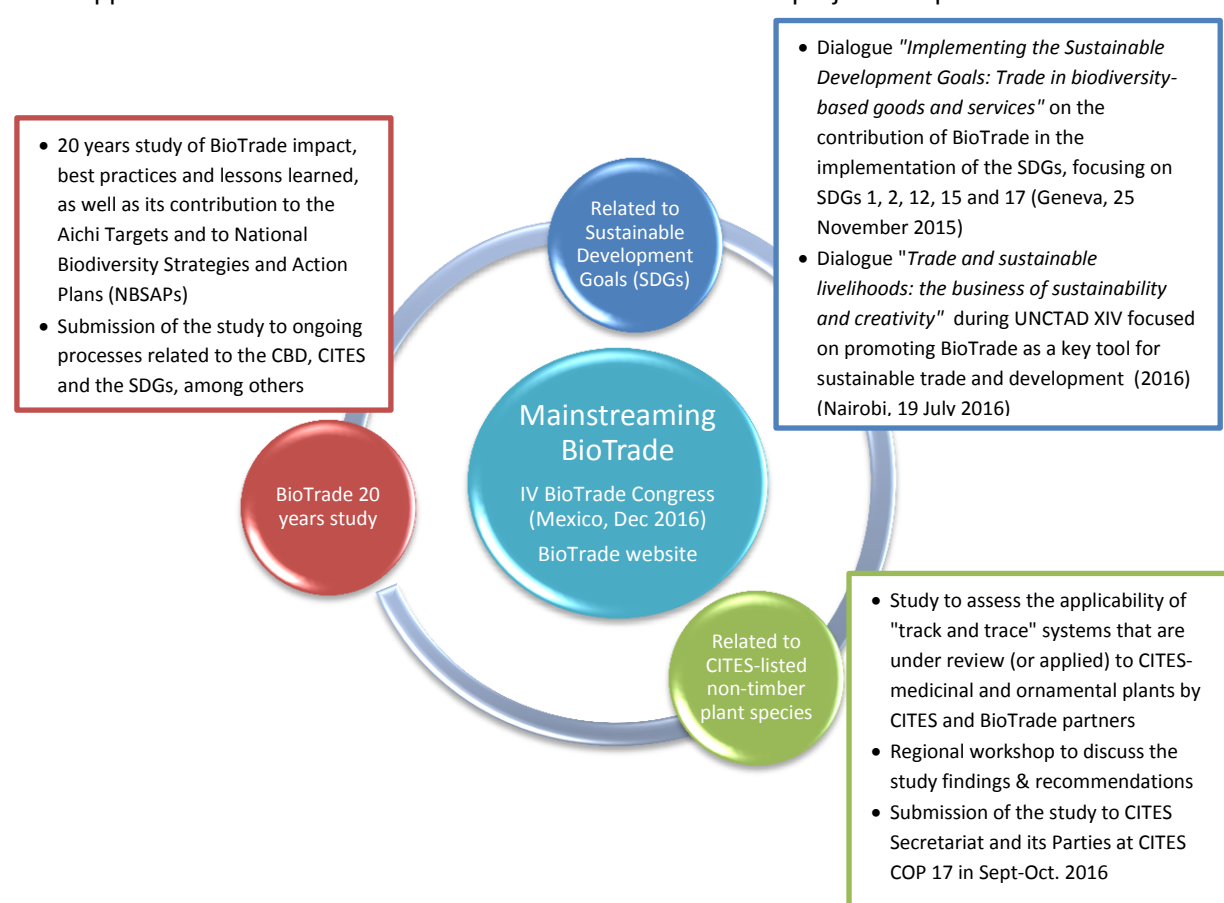


BioTrade Facilitation Programme - Phase III (BTFPIII)

Executing agency	UNCTAD/ BioTrade Initiative
Donor	Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
Project duration	01.07.2015 – 31.12.2016
Scope	Global, with emphasis in the Andean and Mekong regions
Objective	To mainstream BioTrade in relevant multilateral, regional and national processes and strengthen the policy and regulatory environment for BioTrade sectors. This will allow key stakeholders (governments and companies) to take advantage of policy options and strategies available for BioTrade sectors.

Component 1: Mainstreaming BioTrade in sustainable sourcing and use in sustainable development strategies, including in global biodiversity targets.

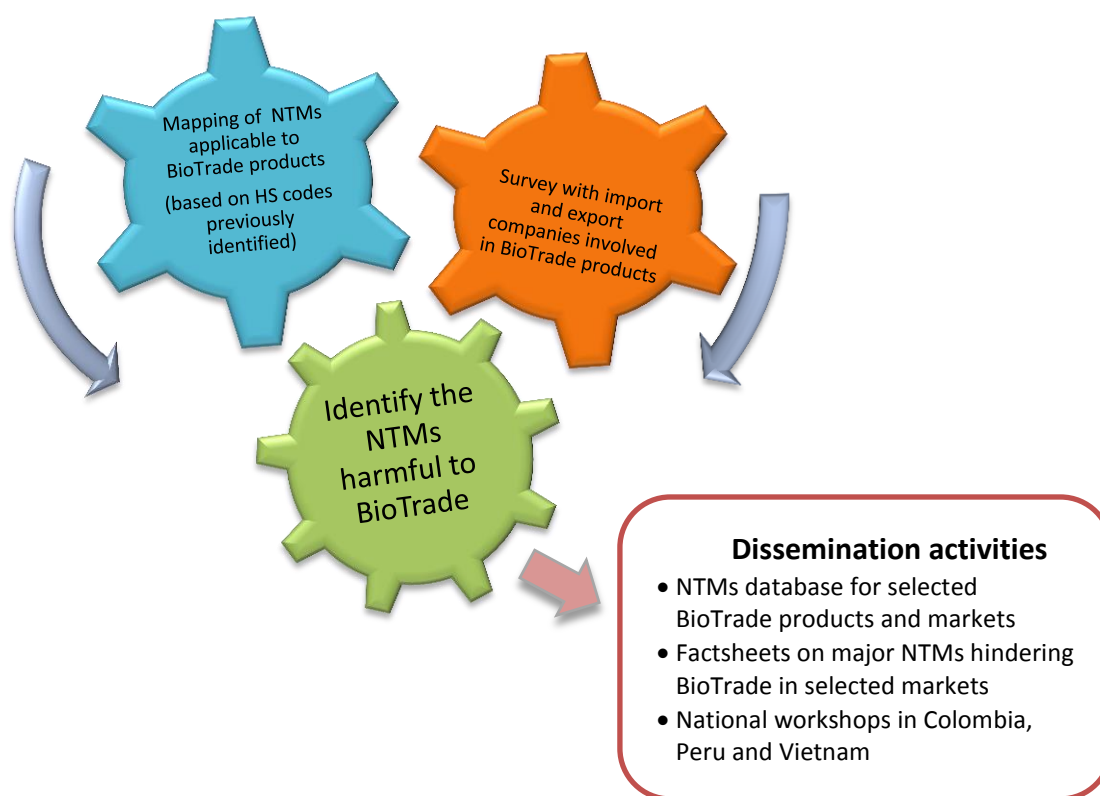
It aims to address the current challenges of limited dialogue, knowledge and coherence among stakeholders on BioTrade issues, especially when devising policies, regulations and incentives in the field of BioTrade. The activities implemented under this component are seen below. These activities also support the dissemination of the outcomes of the other two project components.



Component 2: Identifying barriers to trade of biodiversity-based products

It aims to identify barriers to the trade of biodiversity-based products in order to increase the stakeholders' awareness of main non-tariff measures (NTMs) applicable to biodiversity-based product from the food, personal care and phytopharma sectors in the selected markets. The import markets are China, EU, Japan, USA and Switzerland, and the export markets are SECO-priority countries in the Andean and Mekong regions. This component will provide the basis for future work on addressing/overcoming the main NTMs in BioTrade. Three sets of activities will be developed:

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Component 3: Understanding and mapping policy options on certain aspects of the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing on BioTrade

It aims to develop policy options for the implementation of certain aspects of the Nagoya Protocol on BioTrade products, to guide and support regulators in defining a BioTrade-friendly implementation strategy and regulatory framework while, at the same time, introduce incentives for businesses to fulfill them. It includes the following activities:

Scoping study

Will identify main issues of concern and policy options to develop and assess regulatory and ABS frameworks supportive of BioTrade. The study will serve as a reference document for work on this area, as well as for the review of the regional or national regulation.

Peer review

The scoping study will be peer reviewed to improve and validate policy options and recommendations.

Policy guideline

Will explain in a simple manner how to implement the recommendations identified in the scoping paper for regulators and other stakeholders.

Implementation of the policy recommendations in two countries

Review of two countries' regulation and/or support on the implementation of the BioTrade-related provisions of the Nagoya Protocol identified in the policy guideline.

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