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UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project

Strengthening human resources, legal frameworks and institutional capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol

ABS in practice

**The « REACTION » process
to foster partnerships and support the implementation of the
Nagoya Protocol**



The project in few words

=> 3 pilote countries: Comoros, Rwanda and Sudan

=> 10+ selected value chains as pilot ABS cases

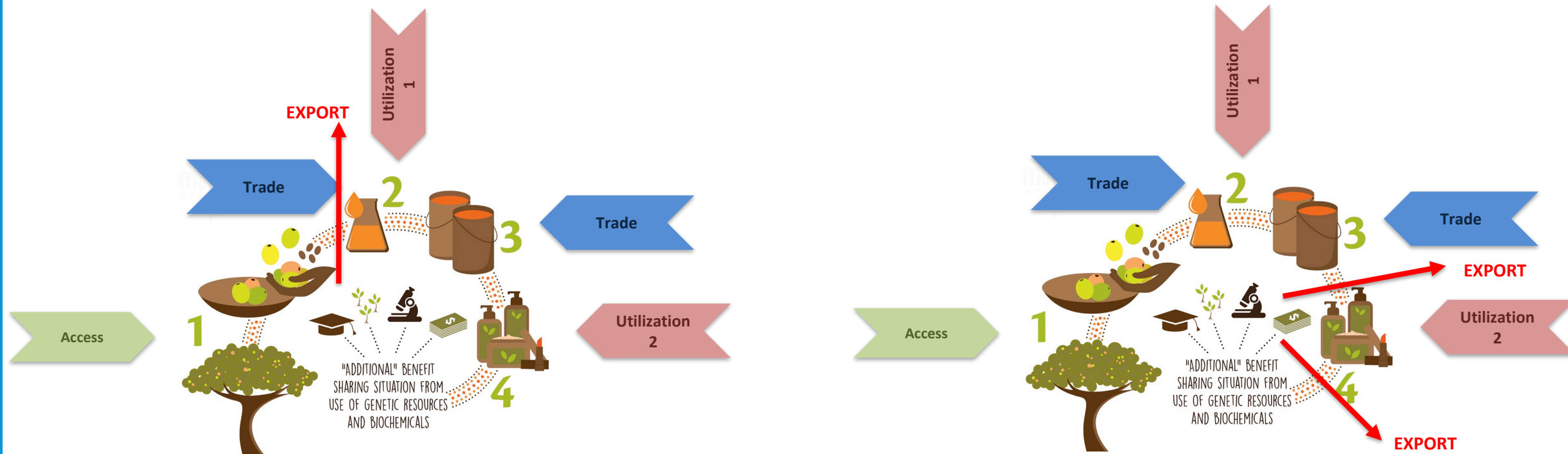
Objective: Through pragmatic and business-friendly ABS legal frameworks, to support Providing countries to fully tap the potential of their GRs and aTK.



Approach

Paradigm change:

=> To capture value additions in the providing countries, to stimulate the development of a biodiversity-based local economy and can broadly lead to development benefits (i.e. SDGs)



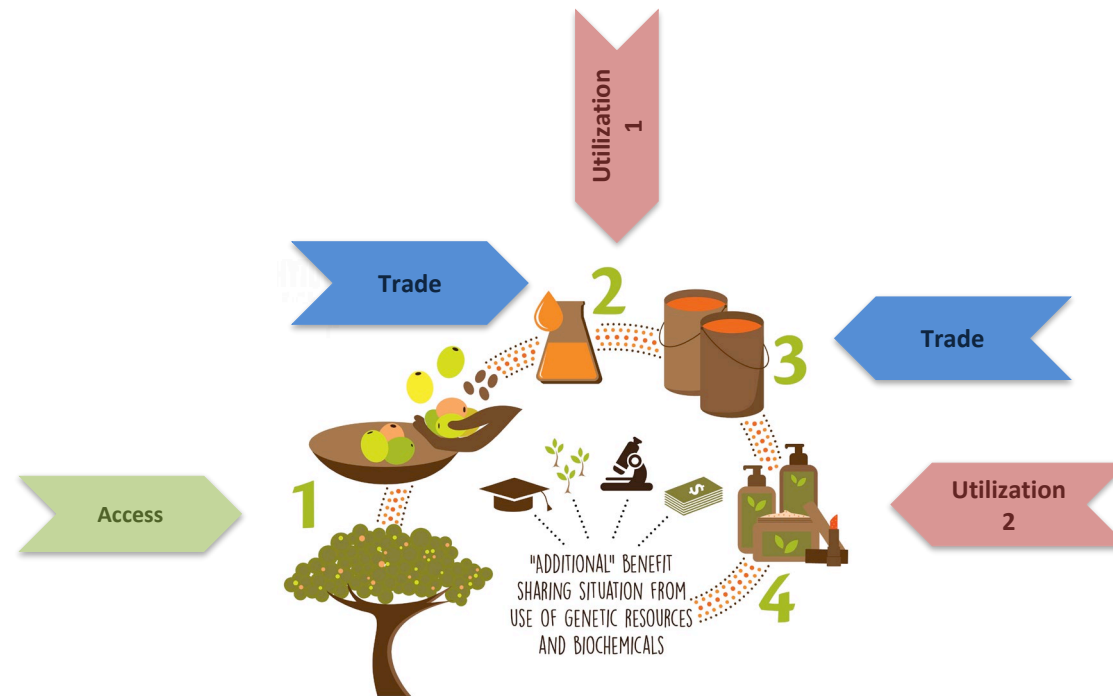
Source: UNCTAD 2016, PhytoTrade Africa 2016



Principles

Bottom-up and knowledge-based process:

=> where « INFORMED » means in full capacities to provide Consent and negotiate MAT with win-win terms



Methodology: The « REACTION » process



Phase 1: consultation

- Review GR / aTK
- Establish national task forces
- Assess the potential applying the valorization scorecard

Phase 2: Field work

- Coordinate with key stakeholders to gather data from field investigation
- Translate the GR potential into business opportunities
- Investigate and analyse market dynamics

Phase 3: Engagement with the Private Sector

- Organize business dialogues
- Navigate opportunities to build competitiveness

=> ABS partnerships & Investments with development of the local livelihood, economy, capacities, etc.

The REACTION outcome



=> 10+ « bottom-up » Value Chains; several PIC & MATs opportunities

=> For each Value chain: biotrade or ABS triggering case?

- 1 - Existing value chain versus new value chain
- 2 - aTK-based Value chain or not
- 3 - New or existing user in an existing value chain

Combined investigation:

Field work and Market dynamics

biotrade, BioTrade & ABS



From Business perspectives:

=> BioTrade: biotrade (trade of biological resources with any « utilization ») with Conservation and Sustainable use of the biological resource

=> BioTrade: ABS legal compliance with conservation and sustainable use of the biological resources

Recommendations



- 1 - To have clarity on the « Purpose of access » and the subsequent value chain
- 2 - Temporality: to review existing uses and / or background knowledge
- 3 - To establish monitoring and traceability systems, together with appropriate check-points to enable fair competition
- 4 - To associate BioTrade Principles & Criteria to ABS compliant measures, in order to ensure conservation and sustainable use

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* lessons learned

* knowledge captured so far from the pilot cases

=> all will be codified into a Valorization Workbook featuring the REACTION Valorization Tool



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