

# BioTrade, Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) in support of the SDGs

*Entering a new alliance for economic growth, innovation, and biodiversity*

6:30 – 8 p.m., 16 July 2018

United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 9

This event will provide a critical analysis on how trade, and BioTrade and the ABS Mechanism under the Nagoya Protocol, can be incentives for the achievement of several SDGs, especially SDG 15 by promoting benefit sharing, and sustainable trade and livelihoods with the ultimate objective of reducing biodiversity loss. It also highlights the importance of partnerships to achieve the Goal and “Leaving no one behind”. Several developing and least developed countries have identified biological and genetic resources as an economic asset and embarked on transforming their production and export-base towards biodiversity friendly sectors, products, and services. Many of them have also ratified and started implementation of the Nagoya Protocol. This contributes not only to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity but also to increase legal certainty, employment, technology transfer, business opportunities and income for SMEs and local communities, particularly those rich in biodiversity.

The event is organized with the support of the SECO under the UNCTAD *Global BioTrade Programme: Linking trade, environment and sustainable development*, as well as by BMZ through the ABS Capacity Development Initiative.

## Provisional Agenda

*Chair:* Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Chief, New York UNCTAD Office

6:30 – 6:35 p.m.	<b>BioTrade videos</b>
6:35 – 6:50 p.m.	<b>Welcome remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Riccarda Caprez, Senior Policy Adviser, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA, Directorate of Political Affairs, Switzerland</li><li>• Olivier Rukundo, ABS Capacity Development Initiative on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ)</li></ul>
6:50 – 7:20 p.m.	<b>Formulating BioTrade friendly design and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and national ABS regimes</b> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Olivier Rukundo, Senior Legal Expert, ABS Capacity Development Initiative</li><li>• Pierre du Plessis, Technical Advisor, African Union Commission</li></ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
7:20 – 7:50 p.m.	<b>Building partnerships to foster biodiversity-based entrepreneurship, innovation and sustainable sourcing</b> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lorena Jaramillo, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD</li><li>• Luiz do Amaral, Global Manager, Global Forest Watch Commodities and Finance Organization, World Resources Institute</li><li>• Ms. Anne Bahr Thompson, Brand Citizenship Pioneer; Author, Do Good; Founder and Chief Strategist, Onesixtyfourth LLC</li></ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
7:50 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Closing remarks</b>

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