

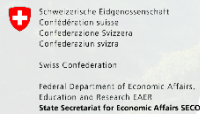
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Making it Real: Using Policy Instruments to Promote Biodiversity and Benefit Sharing

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**PLENARY
PANEL
THEME**



BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (ABSAP)

2023-2030

THE ABS
CAPACITY
DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVE



L'INITIATIVE DE
RENFORCEMENT
DES CAPACITES
POUR L'APA

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OBJECTIVE

To build understanding on ABSAP as a Regional Tool for strengthening biodiversity and benefit sharing considerations for Bio Trade

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ABSAP Rationale and Implications for Bio Trade



Impact and Threat of Triple Planet Crisis

- ❑ Threats of triple crisis of biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution
- ❑ Heightened concern on the failure to achieve defined global goals on biodiversity and climate action

Projection

Livelihoods and developing economies of African countries, to be most affected.

Science Alerts

- **Unprecedented loss in biodiversity,**
 - **Paradox of biodiversity rich developing countries and prevalence of poverty**
 - **Threats to ecosystem resilience from climate change**
 - **loss of productivity of vital ecosystem services to human wellbeing**
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A Wave of More Ambitious Global Commitments with implications for trade in biodiversity products and services in Africa



The Mounting Challenge to implementation in African countries

ABSAP - African Union's Implementation Option



- ❑ Strategic orientation for a coordinated and aligned approach
- ❑ Guidance for a coordinated uptake and implementation by member states in the next decade.
- ❑ Guidance for mainstreaming in key Development Sectors - Trade
- ❑ Guidance Resource Mobilisation and Partnerships



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ABSAP STRUCTURE AND KEY ELEMENTS

ABSAP Structure

PART 1 | INTRODUCTION

- Global concerns and outcomes of GBAs
- Urgency for a coordinated and aligned continent wide response

PART 2 | DESIGNING AN ALIGNED RESPONSE

- Purpose/ Objective
- Key Principles and Considerations
- Approach, Methodology and Data Source

PART 3 | STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES FOR INTERVENTION IN AFRICA

- Vision and Mission Statement
- 05 Biodiversity Strategic Pillars
 - 23 Intervention Areas
- Multiscale Priority Actions

Programming-Coordination-Monitoring-Finances-Capacity-building-CEPA-Multi-Stakeholders

PART 4 | SUPPORT MECHANISMS AND ENABLING CONDITIONS

Anchors

- ❑ Africa's Agenda for Development 2063
- ❑ 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

Justifications

- From a decade experience in implementing the 2011-2020 SP /Aichi targets.
- Capitalizes on Scientific findings
- Designed to fill the gaps based on Africa's circumstances.

Underlying Principles

- Aligned and Coherent Response
- Synergy of Rio Conventions
- Mainstreaming and integration
- Guidance for regional and national uptake
- Multistakeholder Engagement
- Increasing biodiversity financial flow
- Cooperation and collaboratio

Justification and Principles



The Vision

”By 2050, the **rich biodiversity and healthy ecosystems** across Africa and the equitable sharing of benefits from the sustained flow of ecosystem services, significantly improving the **livelihood of the people and building resilient economies** that contribute to attaining the **aspirations of Africa’s Agenda 2063**”.



Mission Statement

“By 2030, urgent action is taken to **coordinate and support** implementation of the GBF across the continent, catalyzing synergy and coherence in governance and practice responses to reverse biodiversity loss and increase ecosystem resilience, ensuring equitable sharing of benefits from its sustainable utilization, and mobilizing increased biodiversity financing with enhanced capacities for Africa’.

Strategic Orientations and Relevance for Trade

Strategic Pillar A	Improving biodiversity governance and practice	GBF T 1-8
Strategic Pillar B	Equity in sharing nature's benefits	T 9, 11-13
Strategic Pillar C	Sectoral mainstreaming and integration of ecosystem based app.	T10,14,17
Strategic Pillar D	Scaling up financial flow for Africa's Biodiversity	T 18, 19
Strategic Pillar E	Enhancing capacities, equity and inclusion	T 20-23

Intervention Areas

- Critical in triggering the shift within each pillar
- Aligned with GBF targets / other GBA Targets

Multi-Scale Priority Actions

- Member states: adapted to national circumstances and development needs
- Regional Level: support member states and strengthen collaboration in transboundary shared ecosystems.
- Continental Level: Coordination and Guidance



Implementation Tools

1. Monitoring and Indicators Framework
2. **Resource Mobilization Strategy**
3. Capacity-building and development, and technical and scientific cooperation Strategy
4. Communication, education, awareness and uptake Action Plan
5. Stakeholder Engagement Framework

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HIGHLIGHTS ON Key Targets of Relevance to ABS and Bio Trade

PILLAR A | IMPROVING BIODIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND PRACTICE

Intervention Area	AB/ GBF	Bio Tr. P&C
Land and Sea Use Planning	1	
Effective ecosystem restoration	2	1
Effective conservation and management of land and sea	3	1
Halt extinctions and maintain and restore genetic diversity	4	1
Sustainable use, harvest and trade in wild species	5	2
Mitigate or eliminate the impacts of invasive alien species	6	
Reduce pollution risks and impacts from all sources	7	2
Minimise the impacts of climate change and ocean		

PILLAR B | SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS

	Intervention Area	AB/ GBF	Bio Trade P&C
1	Sustainable use and management of wild species	9	2
2	Nature's contributions to people and ecosystem services	11	
3	Increase area, quality and access to urban green/blue spaces	12	
4	Ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from genetic resources and digital sequence information	13	3

PILLAR C | MAINSTREAMING AND INTEGRATION OF ECOSYSTEM-BASED APPROACHES

	Intervention Area	AB/ GBF	Bio Trade P&C
1	Sustainable management of areas under agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries and forestry	10	2
2	Integration of biodiversity into policies and development across all sectors	14	4,5
3	Transform businesses to reduce negative impacts on biodiversity	15	All
4	Encourage sustainable consumption, including by reducing food waste, overconsumption and waste generation	16	2
5	Benefits from biotechnology	17	3

PILLAR D | SCALING UP FINANCING FOR AFRICA'S BIODIVERSITY

	Intervention Area	ABSAP/ GBF	Bio Trade P&C
1	Phase out or reform harmful subsidies and incentives	18	2
2	Increase the level of financial resources for biodiversity from all sources	19	

PILLAR E | STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES, ENSURING INCLUSION AND EQUITY FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

Intervention Area		ABSAP/ GBF	Bio Trade P&C
1	Capacities, technology transfer and scientific cooperation	20	
2	Information and knowledge, to guide effective and equitable governance	21	
3	Representation and participation in decision-making	22	6, 7
4	Gender equality	23	6, 7

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ABSAP POTENTIAL IMPACT AT REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL LEVELS

ABSAP Design for Alignment and Coherence

- Over View
- Vision-Mission- Strategic Pillars
- Intervention Areas
- Member States Priority Actions
- Regional Priority Actions
- Continental Priority Actions

	Member States Priority Action	GBF T	Other MEA
1			
2			
3			
4			
8			

Focus Area	Regional	Continental
Policy Development		
Implementation = Programmes		
Alignment and Coordination		

ABSAP



Programming and Integrated Approach

Programming

Programming approach for delivery

- ✓ 5 Programs based on the strategic pillars
- ✓ At Continental Level
- ✓ Regional level Programs: streamlined to regional priorities

Integration across Coordination Structures

Capitalize on existing structures/ processes

- a) Continent-Wide Coordination Organs
 - ✓ The AU/AUC
 - ✓ AUC Program Coordination WGs
 - ✓ Thematic Working Groups
- b) Regional Coordination Nodes – RECs
- c) National Level Coordination Nodes

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