

Regional Mekong workshop on access and benefit sharing (ABS)

5–6 June 2018, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

Luang Prabang View Hotel
Tentative Programme

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5 June: Sharing experiences on ABS implementation (jointly with UNCTAD, HELVETAS leads)

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| 8:30-9:00 | <p>Introduction</p> <p>Welcoming participants and opening remarks- <i>Rudolf Lüthi and SECO representative TBD</i></p> <p>Introduction of participants- <i>Participants</i></p> |
| 9:00-10:30 | <p>International, regional and comparative framework on ABS</p> <p>Presentation on Nagoya Protocol- <i>Maria Julia Oliva (20 min)</i></p> <p>ASEAN regional priorities, challenges and opportunities for the development of mutually supportive and compliant ABS and BioTrade frameworks <i>Elpidio Peria of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, (20 min)</i></p> <p>Introduction of Handbook on ABS and BioTrade- <i>David Vivas Eugui and Maria Julia Oliva (20 min)</i></p> <p>Question and answer on presentations- <i>(30 min)</i></p> |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 to 12:45 | <p>Looking at key issues linked to ABS</p> <p>Sustainable management and collection of common pool resources- <i>Presented by Kaspar Schmidt (20 min)</i></p> <p>Presentation on ABS experience in Vietnam, with reference to ABS system implementation, challenges and lessons learned- <i>Presented by Dr. Thanh Vinh Nguyen of BCA Vietnam (25 min)</i></p> <p>Presentation by CRED on the private sector's experiences with ABS implementation in Vietnam- <i>Giang Nguyen of CRED (20 minutes)</i></p> <p>Facilitated discussion on lessons from Vietnam's experience- <i>Ruedi Lüthi (40 min)</i></p> |
| 12:45-14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 to 15:15 | <p>ABS implementation and perspectives in Southeast Asia</p> <p>Presentation of research findings on ABS for the thanaka sector in Myanmar- <i>Presented by Alessandra Giuliani and (tbd) Jose Undurraga (30 min)</i></p> |

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| | “Talk-show” interview with HAFL researchers- <i>Kaspar Schmidt (15 min)</i> Plenary question and answer and summary of learning- <i>Andrew Wilson (30 min)</i> |
| 15:15-15:45 | Coffee break |
| 15:45-16:45 | ABS implementation and perspectives in Southeast Asia Relevance of ABS for the trade of natural ingredients from Laos – <i>Helvetas and other possible partners (60 min)</i> (Could be done as panel discussion that includes local experts) |
| 16:45-17:00 | Closing |

6 June: morning: Field trip Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden (jointly with UNCTAD, HELVETAS leads)

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| 8:00 | Departure from hotel |
| 8:30 | Arrival at Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden |
| 8:30-9:00 | Welcoming and introduction to Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden |
| 9:00-10:00 | Guided visit to the grounds of Pha Tad Ke Botanical Garden Introduction to the biodiversity of Laos and the variety of species present at the botanical garden- <i>Pha Tad Ke staff (15 min)</i> Guided tour to identify and discuss representative Lao plant species with a history of traditional use- <i>Pha Tad Ke staff (45 min)</i> |
| 10:00-10:30 | Coffee break |
| 10:30-11:30 | Group work on traditional knowledge and use of genetic resources Briefing on traditional knowledge regulation- <i>David Vivas Eugui (10 min)</i> Group discussions on ABS and traditional knowledge implications of commercializing selected Lao species- <i>Ruedi Luthi (50 min)</i> If these species were commercialized for export markets, how would they be used? If the species were commercialized in this way, how would ABS and traditional knowledge need to be taken into consideration? |
| 11:30-11:45 | Wrap Up |
| 11:45-12:45 | Lunch at Pha Tad Ke restaurant |
| 12:45-1:15 | Return travel to hotel |

6 June: afternoon: Internal Helvetas planning/ UNCTAD Preparation for Meeting

The afternoon of the third day will have separate agendas for Helvetas project staff and UNCTAD.

After returning from the field trip, Helvetas Regional BioTrade project staff will spend from 1:45 to 5:00 working in country-based groups to consolidate knowledge from the event and for internal discussions on next steps.



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7–8 June: BioTrade and ABS in Southeast Asia Coordination workshop (jointly with UNCTAD, UNCTAD leads)