



Improving coordination technical assistance delivery on BioTrade and Access and Benefit Sharing in Southeast Asia

UNCTAD/Helvetas/SECO

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7 June 2018	
9:30 - 10:00	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Vivas Eugui, Legal Officer UNCTAD • Mr. Rudolf Lüthi/Andrew Wilson, Helvetas • Mr. Jonas Grunder, Deputy Head Swiss Cooperation Office, the Embassy of Switzerland to Viet Nam.
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 - 13:00	<p>Mapping Access and Benefit sharing and BioTrade in the Mekong region</p> <p>Chair: TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to BioTrade and ABS and objectives of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. David Vivas Eugui, UNCTAD ○ Maria Julia Oliva, UEBT • Map on Access and Benefit sharing and BioTrade in the Mekong region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Ta Minh Son, BioTrade Interest Group, Vietnam and UNCTAD consultant • Comments by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Elpidio Peria, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity • Questions and answers • Methodological aspects of the workshop: model road map template and modalities for listing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. David Vivas Eugui, UNCTAD
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 17:30	<p>Towards a road map on key joint ABS activities and cooperation initiatives (interactive public and private sector session)</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Andrew Wilson, Helvetas</p> <p>A. Briefly discuss current levels of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and ABS obligations in the beneficiary countries as well as draft legal, regulatory or policy initiatives or bills</p>

15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
	<p>B. Identifying BioTrade value chains that would need to comply with ABS regulations in order to expand their businesses and be able to undertake or expand R&D activities</p> <p>Comments by regional agencies national ABS focal points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Elpidio Peria, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity • Dr. Thanh Vinh Nguyen, Deputy Director, Biodiversity Conservation Agency, Vietnam • Ms. Kongchay Phimmakong, Director of Ecology and Biotechnology Service Centre Biotechnology and Ecology Institute, Ministry of Science and Technology, Lao PDR • Ms. Ni Ni Thin, Assistant Director Environmental Conservation Dept., Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC), Myanmar <p>Summary by: Ms. Lika Sasaki, UNCTAD</p>

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9:30 - 12:30	<p>Towards a road map on key joint ABS activities and cooperation initiatives (continuation)</p> <p>Chairs: Mr. David Vivas Eugui, Legal Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Identify existing and future initiatives, programmes and actors providing support on the ABS policies and regulations; D. Discuss opportunities for further cooperation to align support to comply with ABS requirements for value chains interested in undertaking R&D <p>Summary by: Ms. Maria Julia Oliva, UEBT</p>
12:30 - 13:00	<p>What's next: Responsibilities in monitoring the implementation</p> <p>UNCTAD/Helvetas to sum up</p>
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch