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Potentials of African policy documents to promote biodiversity and benefit-sharing

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THE **ABS**
CAPACITY
DEVELOPMENT
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L'INITIATIVE DE
RENFORCEMENT
DES CAPACITES
POUR L'APA

ABS Capacity Development Initiative – fostering biodiversity-based value chains

- New concepts for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (ABS monitoring concepts, ABS business index, multilateral benefit-sharing system for digital sequence information)
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships for biodiversity-based value chains with benefit-sharing (supporting commercial partnerships and facilitated access for research partnerships)
- **Mainstreaming ABS in national and regional policies (focus on AUC and AfCFTA and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans)**
- Participation of indigenous peoples and local communities (ABS negotiations and value chain management)

Cooperation with AUC Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE)

- Collaboration in the coordinated and harmonized implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in line with the AU Guidelines on ABS
- Support to AU Member States in the Negotiations related to ABS
- Support to Regional and National Implementation and its up scaling
- **Genetic Resources Valorisation and Mainstreaming into National Development Policies and Plans**
- South-South Exchange
- Sustainability Mechanism: Internal and External Mobilization of Funds



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AU Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

- Hosted by AUC DARBE and supported by several donors
- Developed through a consultative process with Pan-African workshop in May 2023
- The African Heads of State and Government at the Africa Climate Summit in September 2023 called for its finalisation and implementation
- Endorsed by the 37th African Union Summit in February 2024
- Resource mobilisation plan and implementation launched



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AU Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan – Four Strategic Pillars

Each pillar includes intervention areas, aligned to the GBF targets, and priority actions at the national, regional and continental level

- Improving biodiversity policy and practice
- **Supporting sustainable use and equity in benefit-sharing**
- Scaling up mainstreaming and implementation
- Increase financing for Africa's biodiversity
- Strengthening capacities, and ensuring equity and inclusion for effective implementation



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