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**2nd EDITION - DOING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS IN AFRICA:
TOOLS AND INNOVATIONS FOR THE VALORIZATION OF GENETIC
RESOURCES TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF AFRICA'S BIO-
ECONOMY AND ACCELERATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

AGENDA

8-11 July 2019

Mahé - Seychelles



Day 1 – Doing Business in Africa, the economic potential of genetic resources		
Master of Ceremony – Mr. Fouad Bergigui		
09:00-09:30	<p>Official Opening Welcoming remarks</p>	<p>Mr. Roland Alcindor Programme Manager UNDP Seychelles</p> <p>Mr. Alejandro Lago Manager UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Wallace COSGROW Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change - Republic of Seychelles</p>
09:30-10:30	<p>Introductory Panel Translating the potential of genetic resources into sustainable partnerships - why does valorization matter? Exploring the economic potential of genetic resources and opportunities for bio-economies in Africa</p>	<p>Moderator – Mr. Fouad Bergigui</p> <p>Mr. Herve Barois Africa Regional Nodes Advisor Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN)</p> <p>Ms. Veronique Rossow International Consultant UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p> <p>Mr. Melesse Maryo Director General Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute (EBI)</p> <p>Mrs. Marie-May Muzungaile Director General Biodiversity Conservation and Management Division Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (Seychelles)</p> <p>Mrs. Marie Laetitia Busokeye Director of Research, Environmental Planning and Development Rwanda Environmental Management Authority</p> <p>Ms. Assia Azzi Sous-Directrice, Propriété et Police Forestière Direction Générale des Forêts Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural (Algeria)</p> <p>M. Mohammed Mehdi Chef du Service de la Prévention des Risques Biotechnologiques Secrétariat d'Etat Chargé du Développement Durable (Morocco)</p>
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-11:45	<p>Session1- Hear from the Practitioners What is the value of your bio-economy? Assessing the economic value of your genetic resources-based economy, the case of Algeria and Morocco</p>	<p>Ms. Assia Azzi Sous-Directrice, Propriété et Police Forestière Direction Générale des Forêts Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural (Algeria)</p>

		<p>Ms. Lydia Nait Kaci Protected Areas NFP Ministère de l'Environnement et des Énergies Renouvelables (Algeria)</p> <p>Mr. Ali Benryane National Coordinator UNDP-GEF ABS Project (Morocco)</p>
11:45-12:45	<p>Session2- Hear from the Practitioners</p> <p>National initiatives for the valorization of Genetic Resources – The case of Botswana and Kenya</p>	<p>Ms. Kebaabetswe Keoagile Principal Natural Resources Officer II Department of Environmental Affairs Ministry of Environment Natural Resources and Tourism (Botswana)</p> <p>Mr. Mukonyi Kavaka Watai Head of Bioprospecting National Chair of ABS permitting Kenya Wildlife Service</p>
12:45-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-14:30	<p>Session3- Hear from the Practitioners</p> <p>Doing Business in Africa - Call to bio-prospecting companies for accessing genetic resources for Benefit Sharing</p>	<p>Mr. Ashenafi Ayenew Director, Genetic Resource ABS Directorate Ethiopia Biodiversity Institute</p>
14:30-16:00	<p>Session4- Hear from the Practitioners</p> <p>A billions-to-trillions approach to unlock Africa's bio-economy potential – What did we learn from the KAP assessments? Which tools and innovations such as blended finance to attract ABS investments and private finance for biodiversity?</p>	<p>Ms. Veronique Rossow International Consultant UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p> <p>Mr. Fouad Bergigui Regional Specialist for Africa UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break	
16:30-17:30	<p>Concluding Panel 1</p> <p>Discussions and conclusions</p>	<p>Moderator – M. Denis Matatiken</p> <p>Ms. Assia Azzi Sous-Directrice, Gestion et Police Forestière Direction Générale des Forêts Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural (Algeria)</p> <p>Mr. Ali Benryane National Coordinator UNDP-GEF ABS Project (Morocco)</p> <p>Ms. Veronique Rossow International Consultant UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p> <p>Mr. Ashenafi Ayenew Director, ABS Directorate Ethiopia Biodiversity Institute</p> <p>Mr. Mukonyi Kavaka Watai Head Bioprospecting & National Chair ABS permitting - Kenya Wildlife Service</p> <p>Ms. Kebaabetswe Keoagile Principal Natural Resources Officer II</p>

		Department of Environmental Affairs Ministry of Environment Natural Resources and Tourism (Botswana)
Day 2 – Tools and Innovations to unlocking Africa’s GR-based bio-economy		
09:00-09:30	Session5- Hear from the Practitioners Setting the scene Hear the Experts - What do you know about the business models of the industries using Genetic Resources?	Ms. Veronique Rossow International Consultant UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project Ms. Veronique Louis Editrice – Publisher Expression Cosmétique
09:30-10:30	Thematic Panel 1 Igniting the ABS potential of Value Chains - Valorizing genetic resources in iconic and emerging ABS value chains, how to unlock the ABS potentials of commodities? Cases from Sudan and Comoros	Moderator – Ms. Veronique Rossow Ms. El Khitma EL Awad Mohammed (PhD) Senior Researcher Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (Sudan) Mrs. Asia Adlan Mohamed Lecturer and Researcher Institute of Environmental Studies University of Khartoum (Sudan) Ms. Hayria Mohamed ABS Focal Point Comoros Ms. Nissoiti Moumine Responsable laboratoire INRAPE (Comoros)
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-12:45	Thematic Panel 2 Spoken Wisdom, which role of associated traditional knowledge in biodiscovery? - Valorization of genetic resources guided by associated traditional knowledge, the case of Rwanda and Sudan	Moderator – Ms. Veronique Rossow Ms. Magda Abbaker Osman Head of the Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Research Center (Sudan) Ms. Beatrice Cyiza ABS Focal Point Rwanda Environment Management Authority
12:45-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-16:00	Thematic Panel 3 Why is ABS important for the Blue Economy? - Valorization of marine genetic resources and its bioprospection, the cases of Morocco and Seychelles	Moderator – Mr. Fouad Bergigui Mr. Ali Benryane National Coordinator UNDP-GEF ABS Project (Morocco) Mr. Denis Matatiken ABS Focal Point Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (Seychelles)
16:00-16:30	Coffee break	
16:30-17:30	Thematic Panel 4 Beyond Value Chains, from valorization to conservation - Valorization of animal genetic resources and genetic resources in national parks	Moderator – Ms. Veronique Rossow Ms. El Khitma EL Awad Mohammed (PhD) Senior Researcher Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (Sudan)

	and conservation areas, the case of Comoros and Sudan	<p>Mrs. Asia Adlan Mohamed Lecturer and Researcher Institute of Environmental Studies University of Khartoum (Sudan)</p> <p>Ms. Hayria Mohamed ABS Focal Point Comoros</p>
17:30-18:00	Concluding Panel 2 Discussions and conclusions	<p>Moderator – Mr. Alejandro Lago</p> <p>Ms. Beatrice Cyiza ABS Focal Point Rwanda Environment Management Authority</p> <p>Mr. Ali Benryane National Coordinator UNDP-GEF ABS Project (Morocco)</p> <p>Ms. Veronique Rossow International Consultant UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p> <p>Ms. Magda Abbaker Osman Head of the Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Research Center (Sudan)</p> <p>Mr. Denis Matatiken ABS Focal Point Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (Seychelles)</p> <p>Ms. Hayria Mohamed ABS Focal Point Ministry of Environment (Comoros)</p>
Day 3	Innovations and Tools to make ABS work	
09:00-09:30	Session6- Interactive exercise Setting the scene (Let's walk the ABS talk!)	Mr. Fouad Bergigui
09:30-10:30	Session7 – Meet the Experts Experimentation Zones – Introducing the <i>Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit</i> and the <i>Valorization Workbook</i> to design gender smart and potential ABS value chain	<p>Ms. Veronique Rossow International Consultant UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p> <p>Mr. Fouad Bergigui Regional Specialist for Africa UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p>
	Session8 – Meet the Experts ABS Business Dialogues Series - The art of negotiating ABS partnerships from a business perspective	Ms. Veronique Rossow International Consultant UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-12:45	Session9 – Meet the Experts ABS Legal Frameworks- Precondition for the international legal protection and valorization of genetic resources. Quick round of situation of ABS legal frameworks in the participating countries.	<p>Mr. Alejandro Lago Manager UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p> <p>Mr. Olivier Rukundo International Consultant UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p>

	Legal Clinic - Coding in ABS 2.0 language to engineer successful ABS contracts: sharing results from case countries' approaches and experiences in concluding ABS contracts what worked and what didn't, Top 5 best practices and Top 5 practices to avoid	
12:45-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:30	Session10- Interactive exercise Innovation Lab – Thinking the future of ABS: let's co-design a <i>One Stop Shop</i> for ABS transactions	<p>Mr. Fouad Bergigui Regional Specialist for Africa UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p> <p>Ms. Reina Otsuka Environmental Specialist UNDP Rwanda</p> <p>Mr. Geoffrey Omedo Programme Officer UNDP Kenya</p> <p>Mr. Ali Benryane National Coordinator UNDP-GEF National ABS Project (Morocco)</p>
15:30-16:00	Remarks and procedures for Project closure	<p>Mr. Alejandro Lago Manager UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project</p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break	
16:30-17:30	Concluding Panel 3 Perspectives and concluding remarks	<p>Moderator – Mr. Denis Matatiken</p> <p>Mrs. Marie Laetitia Busokeye Director of Research, Environmental Planning and Development Rwanda Environmental Management Authority</p> <p>Mrs. Marie-May Muzungaile Director General, Biodiversity Conservation and Management Division Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (Seychelles)</p> <p>M. Mohammed Mehdi Chef du Service de la Prévention des Risques Biotechnologiques Secrétariat d'Etat Chargé du Développement Durable (Morocco)</p> <p>Ms. Kebaabetswe Keoagile Principal Natural Resources Officer II Department of Environmental Affairs Ministry of Environment Natural Resources and Tourism (Botswana)</p> <p>Mr. Mukonyi Kavaka Watai Head Bioprospecting & National Chair ABS permitting - Kenya Wildlife Service</p> <p>Ms. Assia Azzi Sous-Directrice, Gestion et Police Forestière Direction Générale des Forêts</p>

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Day 4	<p>Field Visit</p> <p>Genetic Resources in Action (See logistical note, details to be announced during the CoP)</p>

IMPORTANT NOTE: At the end of each day there will be the following bilateral meetings with Alejandro Lago (Manager of the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project):

- **Seychelles:** Monday morning before the meeting (tbc)
- **Comoros:** Monday 17.30-18.00
- **Botswana:** Monday 18.00- 18.30
- **Ethiopia:** Tuesday 17.30-18.00
- **Kenya:** Tuesday 18.00- 18.30-
- **Rwanda:** Wednesday 17.30- 18.00
- **Sudan:** Wednesday 18.00- 18.30

