



## Access and Benefit Sharing in Non-Commercial Biodiversity Research Final Workshop Agenda

### **Sunday, 16 November 2008**

7:00 pm: Welcome reception at Old City Hall (Altes Rathaus), Marktplatz, Bonn

**Monday, 17 November 2008:** Museum Koenig, Adenauerallee 160, Bonn

8:30 am: Registration and coffee

9:00 am: Session 1. Opening (Chair: W. Wägele)

- Welcome by Museum Koenig, local co-host (W. Wägele)
- Welcome by DFG, local co-host (M. Kleiner)
- Welcome by German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (N. Breier, M. Auer)
- Introduction of workshop co-sponsors
- Statement of workshop's goals (D. Schindel; R. Schönwitz)
- Non-commercial biodiversity research and benefit sharing – general perspectives and challenges (C. Häuser)

9:45 am: Session 2: Workshop background (Chair: N. Davies)

- CBD and ABS: General background on CBD, ABS Working Group, COP-9 Decisions, and 2010 Goals (L. Glowka)
- Definitions and delimitations:
  - Basic versus applied, commercial versus non-commercial research (J-D Wahiche)
  - "Scientific research based on genetic resources" versus research on biological resources (K. Bavikatte)

10:30 am: Coffee/tea break

Sessions 3 and 4 will panel discussions<sup>1</sup> about the non-commercial research sector and its subsectors, sometimes referred to as "communities of research practice". Session 3 communities generally lack commercial intent and can be regarded as "academic" research. Session 4 communities may involve some commercial intent. Discussions will explore:

- What kinds of non-commercial research are there and what are their goals?
- Who are the actors in these communities? (universities, corporations etc.)?
- What activities do they do and what access do they need?
- What work-products and benefits do they produce?

11:00 am: Session 3, Panel discussion: Communities of practice in biodiversity research (Chair: S. Martinez)

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<sup>1</sup> Panel discussions will begin with very brief presentations by the panel members (maximum of 5 slides, 5 minutes MAXIMUM), followed by panel discussion and questions from the audience.

- All-Taxa Biodiversity Inventories (N. Davies)
- DNA barcoding (D. Schindel)
- Ecological and ecosystem studies (E. Beck)
- Systematic and evolutionary biology (R. Geeta)
- Botanical research (C. Williams)

12:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm: Session 4, Panel discussion: Communities of practice in biodiversity research, continued  
(Chair: M. D'Alessandro)

- Genomics (C. Burks)
- Ecogenomics/Metagenomics (M. Garfinkel)
- Natural products drug discovery (G. Garrity)
- Agriculture, trade, and pest control (F. Haas)
- Agriculture and seed banks (S. Bhatti)
- Culture collections and other biobanks (R. Hewitt)

2:45 pm: Session 5, Panel discussion: What are the risks perceived by provider countries associated with non-commercial biodiversity research? (Chair: J. Fernández)

- Mexico: J. Fernández
- Philippines: P. Ong
- Namibia: P. du Plessis
- India: S. Bala Ravi
- Brazil: L. Marinoni
- Peru: L. Rodriguez
- Kenya: W. Omondi
- Andean region: M. Ribadeneira Sarmiento

4:00 pm: Session 6: Instructions to three assigned break-out discussion groups: E. Alonso

The following questions reflect issues that the CBD has raised for consideration by the ABS Working Group. Each group will independently discuss the same four questions:

- What are the defining characteristics of the non-commercial biodiversity research sector?
- What are the different ways that the non-commercial research sector and its subsectors understand and treat biological resources<sup>2</sup>, genetic resources<sup>3</sup>, derivatives, and products?
- What are various forms of utilization of genetic resources in the sub-sectors within the non-commercial biodiversity research sector?
- Should there be different approaches to access and benefit sharing for communities with and without commercial intent?

4:15 pm: Coffee/tea break

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<sup>2</sup> Defined in CBD Article 2: “includes genetic resources, organisms or parts thereof, populations, or any other biotic component of ecosystems with actual or potential use or value for humanity.”

<sup>3</sup> Defined in CBD Article 2 as “genetic material of actual or potential value; ‘genetic material’ means any material of plant, animal, microbial or other origin containing functional units of heredity.”

4:45 pm: Break-out discussion groups:

- Group 1: Chair: S. Bala Ravi; Rapporteur: A. Lago
- Group 2: Chair: R. Geeta; Rapporteur: E. Alonso
- Group 3: Chair: P. Ong; Rapporteur: K. Bavikatte

6:30 pm: Wine reception at Museum Koenig

8:00 pm: Dinner at Ristorante Da Dante

## **Tuesday, 18 November 2008**

### ***Morning Session***

8:30 am: Session 7: Merged presentation of three break-out discussion groups (Chair: S. Miller)

9:15 am: Session 8: Panel Discussion: Presentations of case studies of ABS agreements for non-commercial biodiversity research (Chair: R. Geeta)

- S. Brels, French Polynesia Moorea/Biocode Project
- B. Phillips, Australian legislation and procedures
- E. Beck, Ecological research in Ecuador
- K. Bavikatte, Prunus in Uganda

10:30 am: Coffee/tea break

11:00 am: Session 9: Panel discussion: Models of ABS implementation (Chair: K. Holm-Müller)

- What standard ABS components and documents (PICs, MATs, MTAs) already exist?
- How well have these standard documents worked?
- What Codes of Conduct have been developed and implemented for non-commercial biodiversity research?
- Is a standard code needed, and if so, what should it cover?

- W. Lobin
- P. Desmeth
- B. Phillips
- M. Ribadeneira Sarmiento
- S. Martinez
- C. Williams

12:30: Lunch

1:30 pm: Session 10: Panel discussion: Implementation and compliance issues (Chair: S. Tillier)

- What specific access procedures are needed and possible for non-commercial research?
- What safeguards and assurances are needed against the unauthorized commercial use of material that was initially obtained for non-commercial purposes (through simplified procedures)?
- What new technologies are available for tracking and monitoring the movement of genetic resources?

- G. Garrity
- K. Bavikatte
- L. Glowka

3:00 pm: Coffee/tea break

3:30 pm: Session 11, Plenary discussion: Non-commercial biodiversity research projects that develop commercial intent (Chair: P. du Plessis)

- How often does it happen?
- Are non-commercial and commercial research sufficiently different to make a clear distinction?
- How can the change of intent be recognized?
- How can ABS regulations anticipate and handle these changes?

5:00 pm: Session 12: Instructions to three assigned break-out discussion groups: E. Alonso

The following questions reflect issues that the CBD has raised for consideration by the ABS Working Group. Discussion groups are asked to address the following from the perspective of the non-commercial biodiversity research sector.

- Identify and describe the characteristics of access and benefit-sharing arrangements for non-commercial research.
- What kind of voluntary measures are available to enhance compliance of users of foreign genetic resources?
- Non-commercial biodiversity research produces information resources (e.g., publications and databases) and infrastructure (e.g., museum collections and cell lines), that can then be used for subsequent non-commercial and commercial research. With this in mind, what particular compliance measures are needed for research with non-commercial intent? How could these measures address challenges arising from:
  - (1) changes in intent and/or users, and
  - (2) non-compliance with relevant access and benefit-sharing legislation and/or mutually agreed terms?

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6:15 pm: Group photograph

6:30 pm: Wine reception and dinner in Museum Koenig

### **Wednesday, 19 November 2008**

8:30 am: Session 13: Merged presentation of three break-out discussions (Chair: J-D Wahiche)

9:15 am: Session 14: Plenary discussion: Review workshop goals, take stock of progress, plan next steps (Chair: D. Schindel)

10:30 am: Coffee/tea break

11:00 am: Session 15: Break-out drafting groups led by designated coordinators

12:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm: Session 16: Three break-out groups review draft report

2:30 pm: Consultation among break-out group leaders and rapporteurs

3:00 pm: Coffee/tea break

3:30 pm: Session 17: Report of review groups and final discussion of report: (Chair: C. Häuser)

5:00 pm: Workshop ends

***Participants should plan to leave the workshop venue no earlier than 5:00 pm***