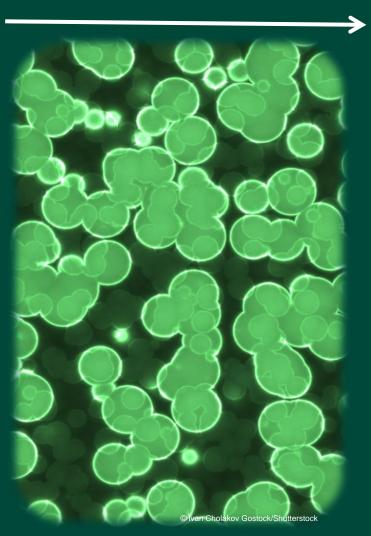
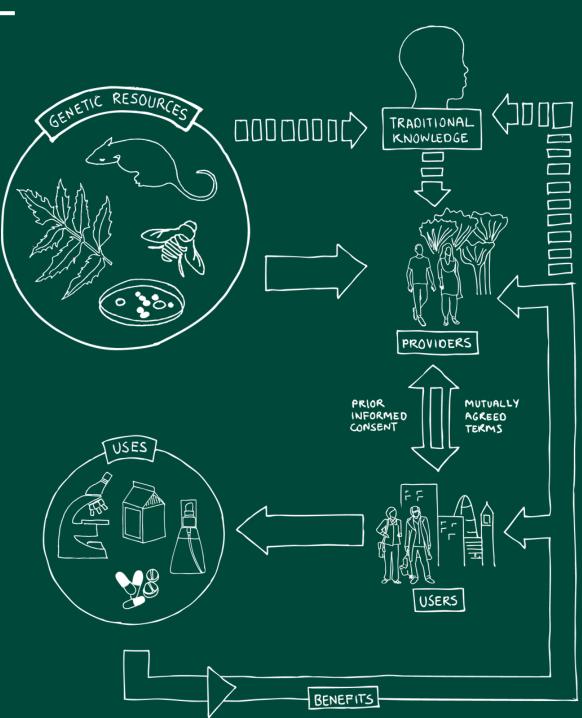
Access and benefit- sharing information kit





## Introduction on access and benefit-sharing



**An information kit** was developed to build awareness on ABS. The key themes addressed in the information kit are:

- Access and benefit-sharing
- Uses of genetic resources
- Traditional knowledge
- The Bonn Guidelines
- National Implementation
- The Nagoya Protocol on ABS

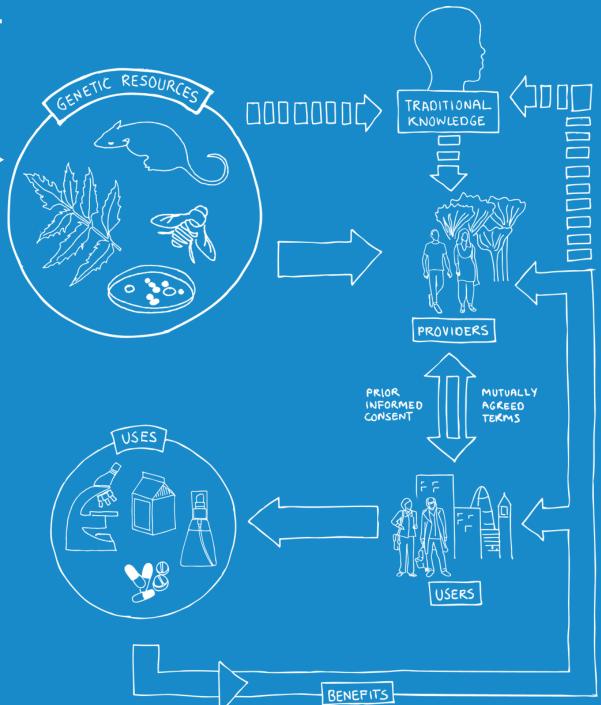
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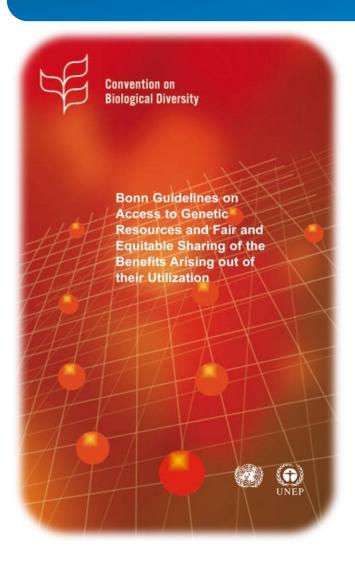
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#### **The Bonn Guidelines:**

- Assist governments in the elaboration of measures to govern ABS
- Help users and providers of genetic resources to implement ABS procedures effectively

The Bonn Guidelines can be **downloaded** at:

www.cbd.int/abs/bonn.shtml



### **Main purpose of the Guidelines:**

- To guide countries, as providers, in setting up their own national measures for ABS, such as the elements of a prior informed consent procedure
- To assist providers and users in the negotiation of mutually agreed terms by providing examples of what elements should be included in these agreements







# The Bonn Guidelines are relevant for:

- Governments developing their national ABS measures
- Institutions and individuals involved in the negotiation of ABS agreements



The Guidelines provide that an **effective prior informed consent system should** respect basic principles, such as:

- Legal certainty and clarity
- Facilitated access to genetic resources at a minimum cost
- Restrictions on access to genetic resources should be transparent, based on legal grounds, and not run counter to the objectives of the Convention





The Guidelines provide that an effective prior informed consent system is to include:

- The establishment of competent national authorities (CNAs) who can grant prior informed consent
- Procedures for obtaining prior informed consent from the competent national authorities
- Clearly specified timing and deadlines
- Specifications of use
- Mechanism for consultation of relevant stakeholders







The Guidelines outline principles and basic requirements to be considered in the development of mutually agreed terms, including:

- Legal certainty and clarity
- Facilitating the transaction through clear information and formal procedures
- Reasonable periods of time for negotiations
- Terms set out in a written agreement

