



LEAVING ROOM FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ABS NORMS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME – THE EXAMPLE OF AGRICULTURAL MICROBIAL GENETIC RESOURCES

Side event at ABS WG 9, Cali, Colombia, 22 - 28 March 2010

Wednesday 24 March 13.15 – 14.45
Second Floor Asia Pacific Room

Speakers will address how – in the longer term – access and benefit sharing norms under the International Regime could be fashioned to support the use of microbial genetic resources in agricultural research and development, ultimately contributing to increased food security. Because there is not time before Nagoya for delegates to consider such approaches, it is important that the IR text creates a framework for the evolution of focused ABS norms in the future.

Maria José Sampaio, Policy Advisor, Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation (Embrapa) – Ministry of Agriculture
Countries' interdependence on agricultural microbial genetic resources (AMiGR)

Fen Beed, Plant Pathologist, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Republic of Benin, West Africa
Increased interdependence on AMiGR as a result of climate change

Luis Pocasangre, Professor-Researcher, CATIE, and Scientist and Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, Bioversity International, Costa Rica.
The importance of internationally pooled microbial genetic resources for agricultural research: the case study of Fusarium oxysporum

Jerome H. Reichman, Bunyan S. Womble Professor of Law, Duke University School of Law, USA.
The basic components of an international microbial commons

Michael Halewood, Head, Policy Unit, Bioversity International
Opportunities for the development of ABS norms under the International Regime

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