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1/3 Measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, and related access and benefit-sharing issues.

-Recommendations-

Priority Activity 1

As part of the suggested activities, it is important to analyze the experiences resulting from the Biosafety Clearing-House, which would make it possible to establish an ABS Clearing-House in accordance with countries' needs.

Priority Activity 2

As part of the expected outcome regarding the creation of various information products (such as brochures and videos, for example), mention should be made that these products must be geared toward different kinds of users/actors (*campesinos*, indigenous peoples, students, academics).

The identification of methods of information-sharing in countries with limited Internet access should be one of the activities proposed.

Priority Activity 4

The establishment of a database of technical and legal experts specializing in the subject matter could be included as an expected outcome.

The ABS experiences of the various regions should be organized systematically.

Workshop-topic modules geared toward the various actors concerned (decision-makers, communicators, communities, academia, users of genetic resources) should be developed.

We also propose including a new activity to create a system of monitoring and follow-up for the established priority activities in order to assess their progress and determine adjustments possible during the process.

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