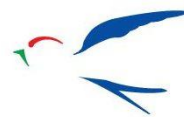




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**ABS informal EU Expert Meeting  
Advancing together on Nagoya Protocol implementation  
and preparing the COP/MOP1 (13-17 Pyeongchang)  
Rome, 4-5 September 2014**

**Venue:**

**Sala Conferenze internazionali (1<sup>st</sup> floor)**

**Ministero degli Affari Esteri [Ministry of Foreign Affairs], Piazzale della Farnesina 1, Rome, ITALY**

**INTRODUCTION**

In order to advance together on Nagoya Protocol implementation and with the aim of preparing the upcoming CBD COP/MOP1 (first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from their utilization - Pyeongchang, Korea), the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea - Directorate General for nature and sea protection (MATTM-PNM), as Presidency of the Council of the European Union, is organizing a two days informal expert meeting next 4-5 September in Rome.

The Nagoya Protocol has reached the 50+1 ratifications necessary for its entry into force next 12 October. Therefore, it is confirmed that the first COP/MOP will be held from 13 to 17 October 2014, concurrently with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.

The day One of the Expert Meeting will be dedicated to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol within the European Union.

The first part of day will host an introductory session, with the contributions of the EU Commission and a presentation of the experiences from major International Organizations and EU stakeholders closely involved in the ABS process, with the aim of exploring the link between Nagoya Protocol and other existing international processes and instruments, in view of NP's national implementations. The relative valuable experts will be invited only to day 1, leaving Government experts free to work on COP/MOP1 documents on day 2.

The second part of the day will be entirely dedicated to an ABS MSs experts roundtable discussing the NP ratification and implementation processes carried out by EU MS at national level. It could be interesting to share different experiences from MSs that have already ratified the Protocol, those along the way towards ratification and MSs currently approaching the process.

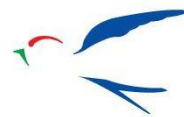
The day two will focus on COP/MOP1 agenda preparation. It is foreseen a working day dedicated to COP/MOP1 open issues in view of the EU position finalization. Particular attention will be given to the compliance issue under art. 30 of the NP, as well as the role of ILCs within it. An exchange of technical views on the ABS Clearing House mechanism (art. 14 NP), its feasibility and weakness points, will be also included in the working agenda for discussion as well as monitoring and reporting (art. 29 NP).

Other items (GMBSM art. 10 NP, model contractual clauses and best practices under art. 19 and 20 NP, capacity building under art. 22) demanding further EU coordination according to what requested in the relative recommendations (as in doc. UNEP/CBD/COP/12/6) might be considered as well.

The EU position papers related to the above mentioned items will be debated during this session of work in view of its final discussion at the biodiversity WPIEI scheduled for next 10 September 2014. The Commission and the MS experts will work together exploring the elements that need to be addressed as part of the European Union and its Member States position.

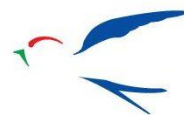
Finally, the two days meeting will be the opportunity to make further steps in the preparation of the COP/MOP1, taking stock of ICNP3 conclusions and recommendations, and would allow us to prepare sounder positions and favour EU coordination and negotiation in Pyeongchang.

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<b>DAY 1: Exchange of views on Nagoya Protocol implementation in the EU (EU MS)</b>			
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>09:30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Anna Maria Maggiore</b> Chair of EU Coordination team for the COP/MOP1 under Italian EU Presidency, MATTM-PNM <b>Renato Grimaldi</b> , Director-General MATTM-PNM
<b>09:50</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>EU Contribution</b>	
		Implementing the Nagoya Protocol – EU perspective	DG Environment, European Commission
<b>10:10</b>	<b>Session 1: Existing instruments, guidelines, codes of conduct and tools addressing Nagoya Protocol implementation within the EU (EU stakeholders)</b>		
	1.a 20'	Tools to support compliance: the Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities' Code of Conduct and Best Practice for ABS	<b>Christopher H. C. Lyal</b> , Department of Life Sciences - Natural History Museum London - CETAF
	1.b 20'	The International Plant Exchange Network (IPEN) and the Nagoya Protocol of the CBD.	<b>Michael Kiehn</b> , Director Core Facility Botanical Garden - University of Vienna – EBGCI; Representative, Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
	1.c 20'	Points to Consider for ABS Agreements The Model Agreement of the EU funded MicroB3 Project	<b>Gerd Winter</b> , University of Bremen - Micro B3 project - Marine Microbial Biodiversity, Bioinformatics, Biotechnology
	1.d 20'	Questions and answers session	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Coffee-Break</b>		
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Session 2: Existing instruments, guidelines, codes of conduct and tools addressing Nagoya Protocol implementation within the EU (International Organizations)</b>		
<b>11:45</b>	2.a 20'	Update on the state of play of the ongoing activities under the CGRFA/FAO related to the implementation of access and benefit-sharing for different subsectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture.	<b>Dan Leskien</b> , Senior Liaison Officer - Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - FAO
	2.b 20'	<i>Contribution on Intellectual Property implications of the Nagoya Protocol, focusing on the relationship between IP and ABS regime. General overview of the ongoing debates on the subject and/or a highlight on some specific aspects (i.e. patent offices/checkpoints, WIPO draft guidelines, disclosure of information) which could be considered for the NP implementation.</i>	<b>Daphne Zografos Johnsson</b> , Legal Officer - Traditional Knowledge Division - WIPO
	2.c 30'	Questions and answers session	<b>Discussion</b>

<b>13:00</b>		<b>Light-Lunch Break</b>	
<b>14:00</b>		<b>Session 3: Towards Nagoya Protocol ratification/implementation</b>	
	3.a 15'	Ratification of Nagoya Protocol in Hungary	<b>Zsuzsanna Ujj</b> , GMO and Biodiversity Specialist - Ministry of Agriculture Department of Rural Development Strategy Biodiversity and Gene Conservation Unit - Hungary
	3.b 15'	Poland towards Nagoya Protocol ratification	<b>Bożena Haczek</b> , Head of Unit - Department of Forestry and Nature Conservation Ministry of the Environment - Poland
	3.c 15'	Sweden towards Nagoya Protocol ratification	<b>Börje Alriksson</b> , Ministry of the Environment Division for Natural Environment - Sweden
	3.d 15'	French preparation work for Nagoya Protocol ratification: the National Biodiversity law.	<b>Anne-Laure Wittman</b> , MEDDE / Ministry of Ecology, sustainable development and energy - France
	4.d 15'	The Netherlands work with the plant breeding sector and key issues in National implementation on the interface of UPOV and EU Regulation on Nagoya Protocol.	<b>Léontine Crisson</b> , MA - DG Agro   NFP ICNP Ministry of Economic Affairs, The Netherlands
	3.e 15'		<b>General discussion</b>
<b>15:30</b>		<b>Session 4: Implementing the Nagoya Protocol: points to consider for National legislation</b>	
		<i>Roundtable session dedicated to the analysis of some crucial aspects related to NP implementation (i.e. legal status of GR and TK; definitions; National Competent Authorities; PIC; MAT; checkpoints etc.)</i>	
<b>16:30</b>		<b>Coffee-Break</b>	
<b>16:45</b>		<b>Session 4: following</b>	
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<b>17:45</b>		<b>Session 6: Conclusions</b>	
<b>18:00</b>		<b>Closure of Day 1</b>	



<b>DAY 2: Preparing the CBD COP/MOP1 Pyeongchang</b>		
<i>The workshop is reserved to EU Governments and EC experts</i>		
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Session 7: Preparing the CBD COP/MOP1 Pyeongchang</b>	
<b>Introductory information: EU Italian Presidency</b>		
	7.a 10'	Working day agenda
	7.b 10'	Attendance at COP/MOP1 and organizational arrangements
	7.c 10'	Questions and answers: other emerging issues on organizational matters
<b>09:30</b>	<b><i>Session 8: EU and MS approach in preparation of COP/MOP1 sensitive issues</i></b>	
<b>09:30</b>	<b><i>Cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol and address cases of non-compliance (Art. 30 NP)</i></b>	
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Coffee-Break</b>	
<b>11:15</b>	<b><i>Following Cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol and address cases of non-compliance (Art. 30 NP)</i></b>	
<b>12:15</b>	<b><i>Model Contractual Clauses – Codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and/or standards (art. 19 and 20 NP)</i></b>	
<b>12:45</b>	<b><i>Measures to assist in capacity-building, capacity development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition (Article 22)</i></b>	
<b>13:15</b>	<b>Light-Lunch Break</b>	
<b>14:15</b>	<b><i>Session 8: following</i></b>	
<b>14:15</b>	<b><i>The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing (Article 14)</i></b>	
<b>15:15</b>	<b><i>Monitoring and reporting (art. 29 NP)</i></b>	
<b>16:15</b>	<b>Coffee-Break</b>	
<b>16:30</b>	<b><i>The need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Art.10)</i></b>	
<b>17:00</b>	<b>EU Italian Presidency conclusion</b>	
<b>17:15</b>	<b>Closure</b>	

**General information:**

- **Work will be held in English, no translation planned**
- **Please have a passport or ID with you at the Ministry's entry for security reasons.**
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- **Please confirm your participation asap (see Practical Info and Registration Form)**
- **A guided visit to the Botanical Garden of Rome is scheduled for the morning of Saturday 6 September for all participants to the meeting. The visit is free of charge. Further detailed information about the visit and the location will be soon provided.**