



Policy Dialogue

Building a Coherent System of Resource Management and Access and Benefit Sharing in Nepal

21-22 September 2014
Paradise Inn, Nagarkot

Agenda

DAY I

Time	Session
8:30	Departure from Kathmandu
10:30	Check in at venue and breakfast
10:45–11:00	Welcome and introduction
11:00–1:00	Harmonizing International Systems of Access and Benefit Sharing on Genetic Resources in Nepal <i>Presenter:</i> Dr. Smriti Dahal, Senior Programme Officer, SAWTEE, Kathmandu <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Kamallesh Adhikari, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia The session will explore ABS mechanisms in three international treaties (CBD, ITPGRFA and ILO 169) and suggest effective implementation measures.
1:00–2:00	Lunch
2:00–3:45	Access and Benefit Sharing Issues in NAPA/LAPA <i>Presenter:</i> Dr. Krishna Prasad Pant, Senior Agricultural and Environmental Economist, Kathmandu <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Dina Mani Pokhrel, Expert on Constitutional Law and Natural Resources, Kathmandu This session will discuss the negotiation dynamics in the UNFCCC, focusing on ABS issues in NAPA/LAPA.
3:45–4:00	Tea Break
4:00–6:00	Constitutional Debate on ‘Sovereignty’ and ‘Rights’ over Natural Resources <i>Presenter:</i> Mr. Dina Mani Pokhrel, Expert on Constitutional Law and Natural Resources, Kathmandu <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Ranjan Krishna Aryal, Acting Secretary, Nepal Law Commission, Kathmandu This session will discuss issues of conflict and coherence in Nepal’s constitution-making process and explore ways to establish a fair and equitable access and benefit sharing regime at local and national levels.

6:00–8:00	<p>Protecting Farmers’ Rights in the Implementation of the ITPGRFA:Lessons from the Preparation of Annex 1</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Mr. Madan Bhatta, Chief, National Agricultural Genetic Resource Centre, Lalitpur <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Dila Ram Bhandari, Programme Director, Crop Development Directorate, Kathmandu</p> <p>This session will discuss the mechanisms and steps to be taken to recognize and protect farmers’ rights for the preparation and submission of Annex1 crop genetic resources.</p>
8:15 onwards	Dinner

DAY II

Time	Session
8:00–9:00	Breakfast
9:00–11:00	<p>ABS Issues in Seed Policy and Regulations</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Dr. Devendra Gauchan, Chief, Socioeconomic Policy and Research Division, Nepal Agricultural Research Centre, Kathmandu <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Dharma Dutta Baral, Chief Seed Development Officer, Seed Quality Control Center, Lalitpur</p> <p>This session will highlight ABS implementation issues in national seed policy and regulations, including plant variety protection law.</p>
11:00–11:15	Tea Break
11:15–1:30	<p>Policy Recommendations on ABS of PGRFA</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Mr. Kamallesh Adhikari, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia <i>Chair:</i> Mr. Uday Chandra Thakur, Chief of Food Security and Environment Division and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agricultural Development, Kathmandu</p> <p>The objective of this concluding session is to identify ways to overcome implementation issues regarding ABS and to identify further issues negotiations, both on the national and international level.</p>
1:30–2:30	Lunch
2:45	Departure to Kathmandu