

Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House (ABSCH)

CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVE (CBI)

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Title

BioInnovation Africa

Geographic Scope

Global

Geographical or political/economic group(s) and/or country(ies)

Africa - All countries
Cameroon
Madagascar
Namibia
South Africa

Type of capacity-building initiative

a. Is this a dedicated ABS capacity-building project/programme?

Yes

b. Is this an ABS activity or component which is part of a broader capacity-building project or programme?

No

c. Is this a stand-alone ABS activity that is not part of a broader capacity-building project or programme?

No

Status of the document

On-going

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June 30, 2022

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Project document or document describing the initiative

[GIZ Website - BioInnovation Africa](https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/78516.html) (<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/78516.html>)

[GIZ_Factsheet_BioInnovation Africa_en.pdf](#)

Detailed information

Short description of the initiative, including its goals and objectives

Objective

The European-African partnerships for biodiversity-based innovations and products have been strengthened with equitable benefit-sharing for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Moreover, the private sector has entered into sustainable and mutually

beneficial business partnerships based on high ethical, social and environmental standards.
Approach

The BioInnovation Africa project endeavours to support four African countries in the implementation of their national ABS systems by supporting the conclusion of benefit-sharing agreements between African providers of raw biological materials and ingredients, and users from Europe. These users are predominantly enterprises from the food, cosmetics and pharmaceutical sectors as well as research institutions. Measures involve blended learning trainings, advice on contracts and the development of IT-based online systems for ABS applications, permissions and tracking.

The agreed monetary and non-monetary benefits stipulated by the benefit-sharing agreements contribute to gender-sensitive measures for the sustainable use and protection of ecosystems in the partner countries. In this context, vulnerability assessments, cost-benefit analyses and knowledge sharing between partner countries are conducted.

These new collaboration agreements will be publicly promoted through trade fairs, round tables, meetings and business associations. Based on these agreements, BioInnovation Africa ensures that biodiversity-based raw materials and ingredients from the four African partner countries are used for developing innovations and products under equitable benefit-sharing mechanisms. In order to encourage long-term business relations between providers and users, the project facilitates various formats, such as matchmaking and exchange platforms. Likewise, BioInnovation promotes joint ventures and technology transfer to increase local value addition and job creation.

Target group(s)/beneficiaries

Civil society organizations
Government
National/Federal
Sub-national
Indigenous people and local communities
Private Sector

Category(ies) of capacity-building activities

Online learning (e-learning modules, webinars, etc.)
Provision of capacity-building tools and resources
Institutional capacity-building
Matchmaking and fundraising support
Provision of legal/technical support
Trainings
Workshops

Information on funding

Type(s) of funding source

Government budget

Core funding-source(s)

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Total budget (amount, in US dollars)

USD\$9,974,000.00

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Key areas and strategic measures for capacity-building and development

Key area 4: Capacity needs and priorities of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders, including the business sector and the research community

1.2 Raising awareness of the importance of GR and TK, and related ABS issues

3.2 Developing model sectoral and cross-sectoral contractual clauses

3.3 Developing and implementing pilot ABS agreements

3.4 Promoting better understanding of business models in relation to the utilization of genetic resources

4.2 Developing minimum requirements, as appropriate for MAT to secure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of TK

4.4 Developing model contractual clauses for benefit-sharing arising from the utilization of TK

4.5 Enhancing the capacity of ILCs, in particular women within those communities, in relation to access to genetic resources and/or TK

4.7 Increasing understanding of the obligations of Parties

Additional Information

Other relevant website address or attached documents

<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/78516.html>

[GIZ_Factsheet_BioInnovation Africa_en.pdf](#)

 [ABSCH-CBI-SCBD-248271-1](#)

Further Information

Questions about the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing or the operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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