

THE ABS  
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INITIATIVE



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RENFORCEMENT  
DES CAPACITES  
POUR L'APA

# From Phalaborwa to Cotonou

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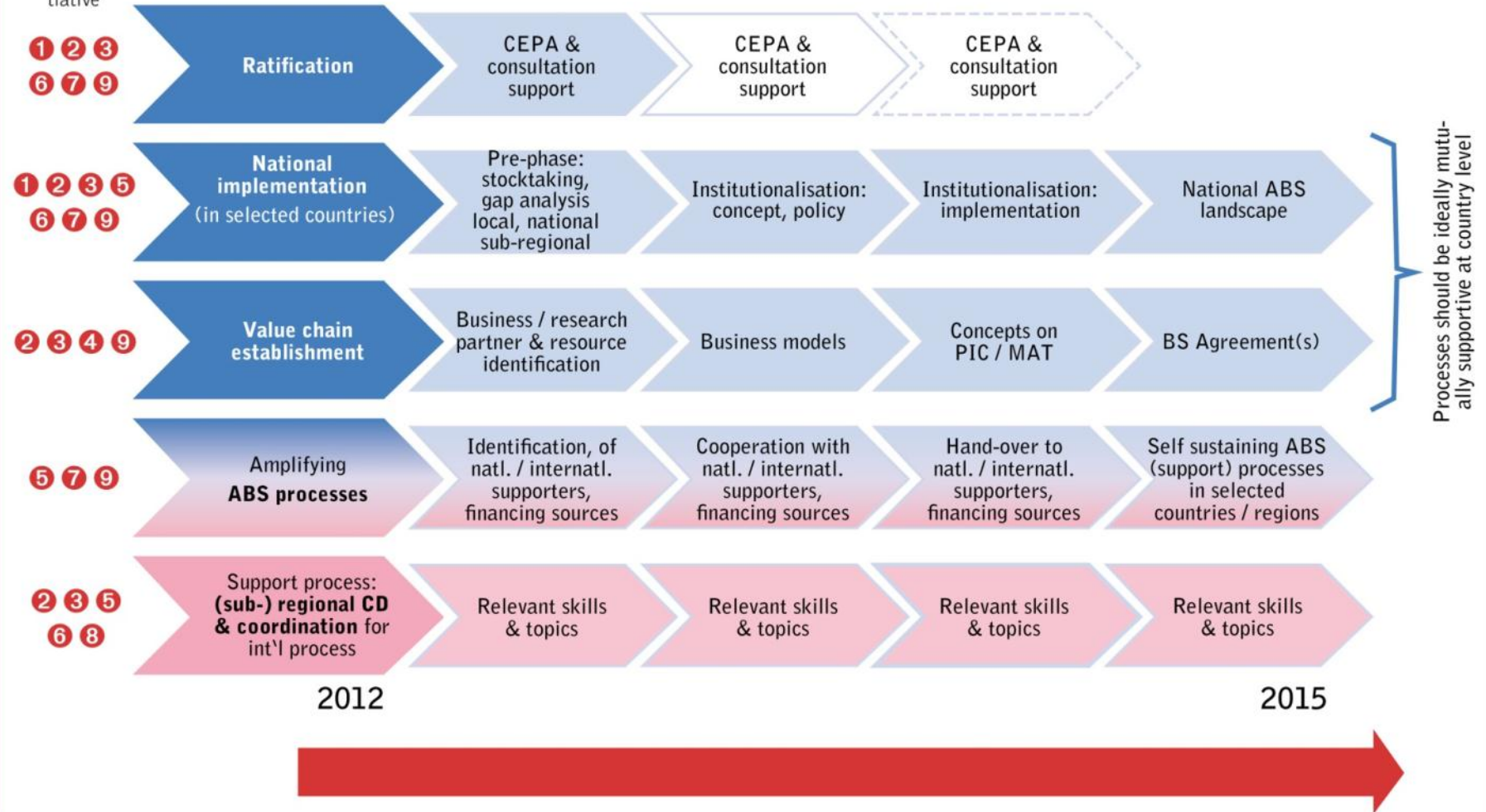
**Building on previous achievements and exploring new approaches**

**2013:**



## Core processes addressed during the current implementation phase for attaining the objectives of the ABS Initiative.

Instruments  
used by the Ini-  
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# Support for ratification and national implementation



## Direct support to selected countries

- UNEP GEF-5 project: Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Senegal South Africa
- Other countries, e.g. Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia
- Central African Parliamentarians briefing on the Nagoya Protocol
- UNEP MSP kick-off workshop

## Dialogue on Practical Ways forward for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

- India, Brazil, South Africa

# Integrating Stakeholder views



## Managing multi-stakeholder processes



- **Trainings** in English and French
- Follow-up: support for **participatory planning workshop** for ABS strategy in Benin (replicable format)

## Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

- Continued support to **African BCP Initiative**
- Cooperation with **GEF-SGP**: ABS projects approved in Benin, Niger and Vanuatu

# Establishing value chains



- **3<sup>rd</sup> ABS Business Dialogue** in Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Pilot projects** with the private sector, e.g.
  - Echinops value chain in Cameroon
  - PPP between GIZ and LVMH: ABS compliant value chains (MAR, BUF, GAB, MAD)
- **Increasing** contacts and dialogues with research / private sector (e.g. SEPDD, DIB, Pierre Fabre, ...), including participation in industry fairs and exhibitions
- **Studies** in six African countries on the business potential of Genetic Resources, funded by UNEP/GEF-4
- Building ABS related capacity with **UEBT and PhytoTrade** members in Southern Africa

# Amplifying ABS processes



## Integrating ABS in bilateral development programmes

- Morocco
- Cameroon
- Namibia
- Madagascar
- COMIFAC
- Maghreb
- AUC DHRST



# Amplifying ABS Processes

## Partnerships

- Continued collaboration with **GEF-SGP**
- Strengthened working relations with **GEF Secretariat** and the **implementing agencies**
- **Bioversity International** and **Treaty Secretariat**: Cooperation on coherent implementation of ITPGRFA and Nagoya Protocol
- **IDLO** and **CISDL**
- Supporting research cooperation: **SEPDD**
- **BIOPAMA**: **IUCN**, **JRC**





# Regional coordination



## AU Policy Framework for the Coherent Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (AU Guidelines)

- Political validation workshop
- Technical experts workshop

## ABS best practices in South Africa

- Project with Phytotrade: analysing value chains and legislations, involvement of SADC



# Regional Capacity Development



## Intellectual Property Rights

- **Knowledge exchange** for African National Focal Points and ILCs **with India** on TK documentation and the Indian TK Digital Library
- **Training courses** on ABS and IPRs: Botswana, Fiji, Cape Verde
- Training course on IPR and TK for ILCs, Ethiopia
- Further collaboration with **WIPO** envisaged

## Protecting and documenting TK

- **Knowledge exchange** for African National Focal Points and ILCs **with India** on TK documentation and the Indian TK Digital Library
- **MNHN study on TK documentation** in Senegal, Cameroon and Benin
- **Meeting on TK documentation** in Cape Town
- **GEF-SGP projects** on TK documentation approved for Benin and Niger

# Expanded regional scope: Caribbean and Pacific



- Since 2012, the Initiative has been expanding its activities and capacity building processes to Caribbean and Pacific ACP countries
- Cooperation with **regional organisations**: CARICOM (Caribbean), SPREP and SPC (Pacific), national support in selected countries (Guyana, Cook Islands, Vanuatu, FSM,...)
- New thematic focus: **Marine bioprospecting**



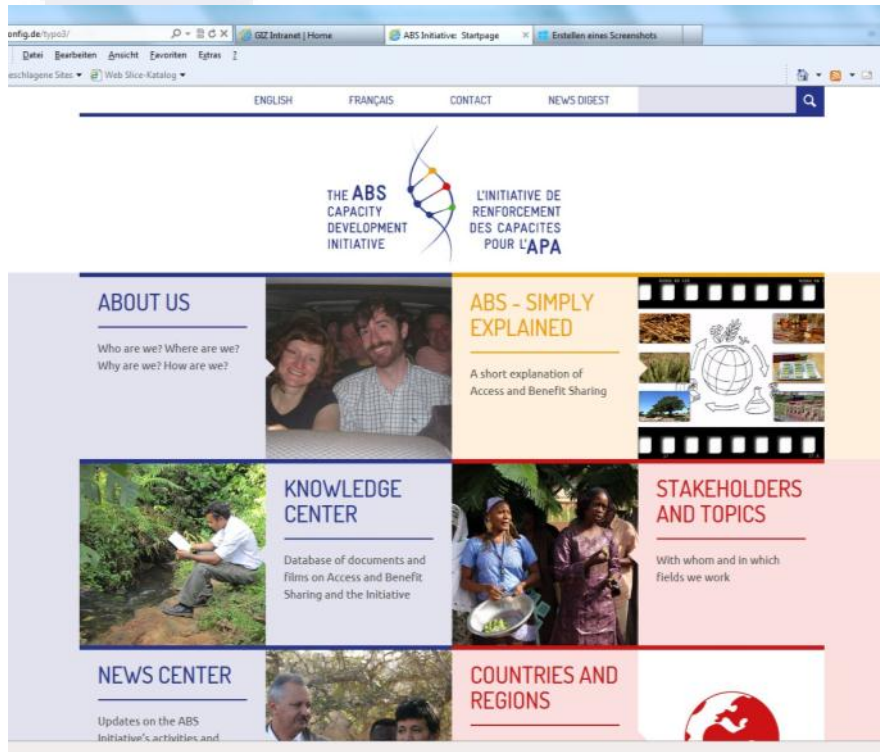
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Secretariat  
of the Pacific  
Community



SPREP  
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional  
Environment Programme



# Communication and Knowledge Management



- Update of the Initiative's **corporate design**
- **New website** design and structure: public awareness platform and knowledge management tool
- Weekly **ABS News Digest**
- New edition of the **ABS calendar** for 2014