

## The Nagoya Protocol and its application in the context of development cooperation

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DGD, Meeting room DR08

Karmelietenstraat 15, 1000 Brussels

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For researchers of fauna and flora worldwide, the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the associated system of Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) has major consequences for their way of working.

Belgian researchers, some of whom work in the context of development cooperation, have to apply it for their own work or for the work of visiting scientists from partner countries. Partner countries of development cooperation do not always have an in-depth understanding of the treaties they have signed and most still need to develop any legislation for their implementation. Capacity building in this regard therefore seems necessary. CEBioS, together with the National Focal Point for the CBD and other partners, takes up the glove and focuses on the D.R. Congo where the

implementation of the Protocol still has to be developed and where many Belgian researchers are active. Time to review the principles and consequences of this important Protocol.

### Program

- 13h30 - 14h15  
*General introduction to the Nagoya Protocol, implications of Belgian and EU ratifications and ratifications by partner countries.*  
Hendrik Segers, National Focal Point to the Convention on Biological Diversity (NFP-CBD), RBINS
- general framework of the Nagoya Protocol and the ABS
- implications for European / Belgian users (funded by Development Cooperation)
- implications for visiting researchers

from developing countries: can they work on materials they bring with them? Do they have to follow EU compliance rules or those of their home countries?

- 14h15 - 15h00  
*Use of the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House.*  
Han De Koeijer, National Focal Point for the Clearing House Mechanism (NFP-CHM), CEBioS-RBINS
- the impact for DC-funded projects with Belgian researchers and researchers from partner countries
- the limitations of ABS
- attention for policy makers from partner countries who have to develop local ABS-regulation
- 15h00 - 15h15: Coffee break

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*Case studies with experiences and discussion, in the light of the organization of a seminar on the Nagoya Protocol in the DR Congo in autumn.*

[Update](#)

- *Botanic research in the D.R.Congo: balancing between the rules and the spirit of Nagoya.*  
Steven Dessein, Head of the Botanic Garden Meise
- *The 'tradi-praticiens' of Burundi*  
Luc Janssens de Bisthoven, Coordinator CEBioS, RBINS
- *Discussions with experts present* (FPS Health, RMCA, ...)

### Registration

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