



ABS explained.... accessing genetic resources and indigenous knowledge in Kenya for Research and Development

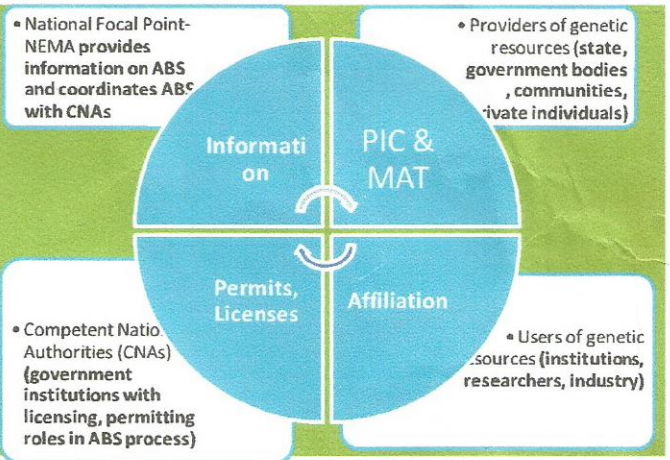


STOP!

It is illegal to access Kenya's genetic resources and indigenous knowledge for research and development without valid permits and licences.

Key players in ABS

1. Providers of genetic resources
2. Users of genetic resources
3. National ABS Focal Point-NEMA
4. Competent National Authorities



Legal Access...Key documents

Before access is granted and for fair and equitable benefit-sharing the user and provider are required to prepare 2 crucial documents.

1. Prior Informed Consent (PIC) : Permission granted to a potential user prior to accessing genetic resources, in line with the ABS legal and institutional framework.
2. Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT) : An agreement between the providers of genetic resources and users stating the conditions of access and the use of the resources, and the benefits to be shared between the parties.

Share benefits

Where access and use leads to a product or innovation, monetary benefits such as royalties, milestone payments or licensing fees must be shared with the provider. Other forms of benefits may include technology transfer, enhancement or training etc.

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