

# DRAFT AGENDA

## *Objective:*

The objective of this experts workshop is to facilitate an open discussion on aspects of the international ABS regime and to prepare a report of the workshop that will be transmitted to the CBD Secretariat for distribution as an information document for the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on ABS (2005).

## Day 1: Sunday, October 24

### Arrival of Participants

17:00 - 20:00 **Registration**  
Hotel Reception

19:00 - 21:00 **Welcome Reception**  
Terraza Ceiba

## Day 2: Monday, October 25

8:00 - 9:00 **Registration**  
Salón Múltiples

### Opening Remarks: (Salón Múltiples)

9:00 - 9:30 Representative of the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources  
(SEMARNAT)

9:30 -10:00 **Common goals: Mexico & Canada co-chairs**

- Timothy Hodges, Associate Director, Biodiversity Convention Office, Environment Canada
- Jorge Soberón Mainero, Executive Secretary, CONABIO

## Day 2 (continues)

### Overall Vision (Salón Múltiples)

#### I. Identification of Outstanding ABS Issues

10:00 - 10:30 **Level of national implementation**  
(Lessons learned from implementing the Bonn Guidelines)

- Santiago Carrizosa
- Valérie Normand

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 - 12:00 **National access laws (challenges), continuing monitoring and enforcement issues**

- Paz Benavidez
- Geoff Burton
- Manuel Ruiz
- Robert Lettington

12:00 - 13:00 **Access to genetic resources and intellectual property rights: what is biopiracy?**

- Jorge Cabrera
- Graham Dutfield
- Jock Langford

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch** (Terraza Ceiba)

#### II. Vision and Nature of an International Regime: Goals, Challenges, Gaps and Role of CBD and Other Bodies

14:30 - 16:00 **Vision and Nature of an International Regime**

- François Pythoud
- Tomme Young
- George Greene

16:00 - 16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15 - 18:00 **Vision and Nature of an International Regime (cont.)**

- Stephen Smith
- Peter Einarsson
- Robert Lettington

19:00 - 21:00 **Dinner** (Terraza Bar)

## Day 3: Tuesday, October 26

### III. Specific issues for consideration in the elaboration of the IR

*Intellectual Property Issues (The relevance of existing IPR issues for the development of the IR, How should IPRs be addressed in an international regime?)*

**9:00 - 11:00 Interface with Existing IP System & Limits and Opportunities for Existing IP Rights**

- Martin Girsberger
- Kim Connolly-Stone

**11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:15 - 12:00 Interface with Existing IP System & Limits and Opportunities for Existing IP Rights (cont.)**

- William Kingston
- Ruth Okediji

**12:00 - 13:00 Limits to rights over genetic resources, the issue of derivatives. Defining the line between tangible and intangible property rights.**

- Martin Girsberger

**13:00 - 14:30 Lunch** (Jardín Tulipán)

**14:30 - 16:00 New Forms of Sui Generis Protection relevant for the IR (GR and/or TK)**

- Jock Langford
- Graham Dutfield

**16:00 - 16:15 Coffee Break**

**16:15 - 17:45 Indigenous peoples: Community-level PIC for accessing TK and genetic resources, feasibility and good practices**

- Brendan Tobin
- Peigi Wilson
- Paul Kuruk

**17:45 - 18:45 Measures to ensure compliance with CBD and access legislation. Stakeholders, Scientists as users and providers including, Codes of conduct/awareness**

- Kelly Bannister
- Maureen Wolfson
- Joshua Rosenthal

**Evening Dinner** (at restaurant of your choice)

## Day 4: Wednesday, October 27

### IV. Instruments/tools/measures which could assist in achieving the International Regime including Mechanisms for Monitoring and/or Verification

#### **Certification systems**

9:00 - 11:15 **Product and process certification including certificate of legal provenance/source/origin**

- José Carlos Fernández
- Brendan Tobin
- Ana Villegas

11:15 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Company conduct, standards and certification**

- George Greene
- Lene Lange

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch** (Terraza Ceiba)

#### **Measures and Compliance mechanisms for key actors (the proposed + any other)**

14:30 - 16:00 **Government user measures - incentives for compliance**

- Birthe Ivars
- Brendan Tobin
- Christian López-Silva

16:00 - 16:15 **Coffee Break**

#### **Benefit Sharing**

16:15 - 17:45 **Benefit sharing as a goal of the IR (opportunities, kinds of benefits, successful experiences and why, lessons learned, transaction costs, limits to benefit sharing)**

- Mohamad bin Osman
- Joshua Rosenthal
- Preston Scott
- Geoff Burton

17:45 - 18:15 **General conclusions / remarks on the workshop:** Co-chairs

- Timothy Hodges, Associate Director, Biodiversity Convention Office, Environment Canada
- Jorge Soberón Mainero, Executive Secretary, CONABIO

Evening **Dinner (at restaurant of your choice)**