

VCI/DIB-Workshop in cooperation with the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)

## **Workshop on Access and Benefit-Sharing**

### **Putting the Nagoya Protocol in practice: Issues and approaches for biotechnology companies in Germany**

#### **Content**

Since the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), new rules for biodiversity-based research & development have been adopted in Germany and other countries around the world. These rules govern how companies acquire samples of plant, animal or other biological material or compounds, and may establish requirements for payments or projects based on resulting benefits.

But what do these rules mean for companies working with biodiversity in the biotechnology sector? How does the legal framework apply? What is the scope of the legal framework? How should concepts such as “utilization of genetic resources” be interpreted? How does a company set up an effective ABS compliance system?

**This workshop aims to support companies in navigating ABS rules and advancing procedures and practices for compliance with ABS in Germany and other countries.**

#### **Main Topics**

- Introduction to ABS concepts, principles and practical implications
- Interactive exchange on specific issues for the biotechnology sector
- Guidance on setting up procedures for ABS compliance
- Case studies putting the theory in practice
- Opportunity for questions and experience sharing

#### **Target Group**

This workshop is tailored for biotech companies producing, sourcing, developing or commercializing ingredients, products and services from biodiversity in the biotechnology sector – particularly staff members involved in research, product development, sustainability, regulatory compliance, supply chain management and supplier relation activities.

## Speakers

The workshop is organized in cooperation with the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and will be guided by two internationally recognized experts from the specialized Access and Benefit-Sharing consultancy firm ABSint: [www.abs-int.eu](http://www.abs-int.eu)

## Time and Place

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 09:30 am – 17:00 pm

Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V., Mainzer Landstraße 55, 60329 Frankfurt

## Agenda

09:30 am	Registration
10:00 am	Welcome and introduction
10:15 am	Explaining the basics of ABS
11:00 am	Due diligence in the different R&D phases
11:30 am	Setting up ABS compliance in your company
12:30 pm	Lunch
13:30 pm	Answering your questions
14:00 pm	Solving cases in small groups
15:30 pm	Coffee break
15:45 pm	Plenary discussion of the cases
16:30 pm	Closing Q&A session
17:00 pm	End

**The workshop will be held in English.**

**Participants are encouraged to send questions they might have prior to the workshop to the following Email: [elina.fecher@dib.org](mailto:elina.fecher@dib.org)**



## Registration

Please register for the workshop by email at the following address: [elina.fecher@dib.org](mailto:elina.fecher@dib.org)

No registration fee.

## Organisation

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