



## Joint BCH and ABSCH Africa Training Workshop for Focal Points Nairobi, 7- 11 October, 2024

### Workshop objectives:

1. **Enhancing Understanding:** The workshop seeks to deepen participants' comprehension of the fundamental concepts of Biosafety (BS) and Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS). This includes understanding the legal frameworks, international agreements (such as the Convention of Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol), and national regulations pertaining to BS and ABS.
2. **Familiarization with the BCH and ABS-CH:** Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the features, functionalities, and significance of BCH and ABS-CH platforms. They will learn how these platforms facilitate the exchange of information (Article 20 of CPB, & Article 14 of NGP), data submission, retrieval, and analysis related to BS and ABS.
3. **Building Technical Skills:** Through hands-on training sessions, participants will develop practical skills in navigating, using, and maximizing the potential of BCH and ABS-CH platforms. This includes learning how to submit data, conduct risk assessments, and utilize the platforms for decision-making, policy formulation, and better PIC (Prior Informed Consent) and MAT (Mutually Agreed Terms) negotiations.
4. **Promoting Collaboration and Networking:** The workshop aims to foster collaboration and networking among BS and ABS focal points from different countries. By providing opportunities for knowledge sharing, group discussions, and collaborative activities, participants can learn from each other's experiences, share best practices, and establish networks for ongoing support and cooperation to promote the implementation of NGP and CPB at national and regional levels.
5. **Strengthening Capacity:** Participants will consider developing strategies for enhancing their capacity as ABS and BS focal points, including identifying areas for skill development, training needs, and capacity-building opportunities. This includes exploring innovative approaches to capacity building and leveraging resources effectively including collaboration with the private sector.

Overall, the objectives of the workshop are multi-faceted and designed to empower participants with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to engage with BCH and ABS-CH platforms effectively, strengthen national capacities in Biosafety (BS) and ABS implementation, and promote collaboration for achieving biodiversity conservation, biotechnology regulation and fair and equitable benefit sharing goals.

# Workshop Agenda

	Time	Content	Presenter	Duration
<b>Day 1: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>				
	8:30	<b>Registration</b>		30 min
	9:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<i>Diane Klaimi</i>	10 min
	9:10	<b>Introduction of Participants and the Presenter</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	50 min
	10:00	<b>Workshop Objectives and Agenda Overview</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi</i>	15 min
	10:15	<b>Coffee Break (15 min)/ Group photo</b>		
	10:30	<b>Expectations and initial knowledge evaluation form</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	50 min
1	11:20	<b>Enhancing Capacity for Biosafety and ABS: A Look into the BCH III Project and ACP MEAs Programme</b>	<i>Emilie Vauchel</i>	15 min
2	11:35	<b>The Convention on Biological Diversity</b>	<i>Chantal Andrianarivo</i>	60 min
3	12:35	<b>Registration to the VLE</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi</i>	25 min
	13:00	<b>Lunch Break (90 min)</b>		
4	14:30	<b>The Cartagena Protocol: objective, scope, and main articles</b>	<i>Chantal Andrianarivo</i>	45 min
	15:15	<b>Panel Discussion- help desk- Contest / Coffee break</b>		30 min
	15:45	<b>Navigation meeting</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	15 min
<b>Day 2: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>				
	9:00	<b>Recap of the Previous Day</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi</i>	15 min
5	9:15	<b>The liability and Redress Protocol</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	40 min
6	9:55	<b>BCH Importance and Obligations</b>	<i>Chantal Andrianarivo</i>	45 min
	10:40	<b>Coffee Break (15 min)</b>		
7	10:55	<b>Live Demo of the BCH</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi</i>	15 min
8	11:10	<b>Modern Biotechnology and the BCH</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	100 min
	12:50	<b>Group Photo</b>		20 min
	13:10	<b>Lunch Break (90 min)</b>		
9	14:40	<b>Detection and identification of GMOs and case studies</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	55 min
	15:35	<b>Coffee Break (15 min)</b>		
	15:50	<b>More case studies on Finding information</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	45 min
	16:35	<b>Navigation meeting</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi</i>	15 min
<b>Day 3: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>				
	9:00	<b>Recap of the Previous Day</b>	<i>Chantal Andrianarivo</i>	15 min
10	9:15	<b>Environmental Risk assessment and the BCH</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	60 min
	10:15	<b>Coffee Break (15 min)</b>		
11	10:30	<b>The Nagoya Protocol and the ABSCH</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	70 min
12	11:40	<b>Live Demo of the ABSCH and Case studies on Using the Search functionality</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi</i>	60 min
13	12:40	<b>The Virtual Learning Environment and the BCH Training materials</b>	<i>Mohamed Kchouk</i>	20 min
	13:00	<b>Navigation meeting</b>	<i>Chantal Andrianarivo</i>	15 min
	13:15	<b>Lunch Break (90 min)</b>		
<b>Day 4: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>				
	9:00	<b>Recap of the Previous Day</b>	<i>Mohamed Kchouk</i>	15 min
14	9:15	<b>Synthetic Biology</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	35 min
15	9:50	<b>Benefit sharing from DSI: Overview and update on Negotiations</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	25 min

	10:15	<b>Coffee Break (15 min)</b>		
16	10:30	<b>Using the BCH for Submitting information</b>	<i>Chantal Andrianarivo / Mohamed Kchouk</i>	150 min
	13:00	<b>Lunch Break (90 min)</b>		
17	14:30	<b>Using the ABSCH to register information</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi / Mohamed Kchouk</i>	80 min
	15:50	<b>Panel Discussion/Coffee break</b>		20 min
	16:10	<b>Navigation meeting</b>	<i>Mohamed Kchouk</i>	15 min
<b>Day 5: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>				
	9:00	<b>Recap of the Previous Day</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi</i>	15 min
18	09:15	<b>Country Status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and Nagoya Protocol with special emphasis on the systems for gathering information for the Clearing House + Question and Answers</b>	<i>Mohamed Kchouk</i>	45 min
	10:00	<b>Coffee Break (15 min)</b>		
	10:15	<b>Country Status continued</b>	<i>Mohamed Kchouk</i>	50 min
19	11:05	<b>Group works on networking, supporting integration of processes and identifying capacity building needs and reporting back</b>	<i>Chantal Andrianarivo</i>	90 min
20	12:35	<b>- Group work: NBF implementation at national and regional levels</b>	<i>Mohamed Kchouk</i>	25 min
	13:00	<b>Lunch Break (90 min)</b>		
21	14:30	<b>Role Play (sketches): - Group work: BCH or ABSCH workshop organization - Group work: NFP administrative duties</b>	<i>Charles Kouassi</i>	45 min
22	15:15	<b>- Updates on Negotiations</b>	<i>Zakir</i>	15 min
23	15:30	<b>Recommendations and conclusions</b>	<i>Mohamed Kchouk</i>	20 min
	15:55	<b>Coffee break (15 min)</b>		
	15:10	<b>Final knowledge evaluation and workshop evaluation form</b>	<i>Ossama Abdelkawy</i>	35 min
	16:45	<b>Closure and Certificates</b>		

### Useful URLs List

BCH website	<a href="https://bch.cbd.int/">https://bch.cbd.int/</a>
Virtual Learning Environment	<a href="https://bch3-vle.unep.org/">https://bch3-vle.unep.org/</a>
Regional Workshop Course page	<a href="https://bch3-vle.unep.org/course/view.php?id=136">https://bch3-vle.unep.org/course/view.php?id=136</a>
Preworkshop form	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/YDp9kZJ3E8">https://forms.office.com/r/YDp9kZJ3E8</a>
Postworkshop form	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/bSUdyekrW2">https://forms.office.com/r/bSUdyekrW2</a>