

On 17.-18.04.2000, the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation hosted a Workshop on

**„Guidelines on Access and Benefit-Sharing,
Initiatives and Perspectives for Implementing the CBD“**

which took place in Bonn. About 30 experts from European countries with a governmental, scientific, industry and research background discussed issues concerning guidance for access and benefit-sharing.

The following presentations were given:

- “Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing - Current Issues and Developments“ (Dr. Peter Tobias Stoll, Max Planck Institut für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht),
- “Access to *ex-situ* Microbial Genetic Resources“ (Dr. Dagmar Fritze, Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH),
- “Botanic Gardens Policy Guidelines on Access and Benefit-Sharing“ (Barbara Di Giovanni, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew)
- “Access to and Transfer of Genetic Resources – Approaches within the German Association of Botanical Gardens” (Prof. Dr. Thomas Stützel, German Botanical Gardens Association)
- “The Swiss Guidelines on the Utilisation of Genetic Resources“ (Alwin Kopse, Swiss State Secretariat of Economic Affairs, Bern)
- “The ASEAN Framework Agreement on Access and Benefit-Sharing“ (Dr. Andreas Drews, German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ))
- “The Multi-stake-holder Approach and the Deliquescence of African States“ (Dr. Marcello Broggio, Plant Protection and Biotechnology Lab, Instituto Agronomico Oltremare, discussion keynote)

The participants considered the Report of Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-Sharing, UNEP/CBD/COP/5/8, 2 November 1999 and the Note by the Executive Secretary on ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES, UNEP/CBD/COP/5/21 (1 March 2000) and discussed further developments concerning guidelines on access and benefit-sharing.

Abstracts of the Presentations are annexed for information.