



Introductory Course to the Nagoya Protocol on Biosafety



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Course Syllabus

Learning Objectives

The [*Nagoya Protocol*](#) on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ABS) to the Convention on Biological Diversity is a supplementary agreement to the Convention on Biological Diversity. It provides a transparent legal framework for the effective implementation of one of the three objectives of the CBD: the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

By helping to ensure benefit-sharing, the Nagoya Protocol creates incentives to conserve and sustainably use genetic resources, and therefore enhances the contribution of biodiversity to development and human well-being.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe the origins and main objective of the Nagoya Protocol.
2. Identify the core components and mechanisms established by the Nagoya Protocol.

Content & Duration

This online course is composed of 2 lessons which are organized in interactive modules that combine course theory with exercises and interactions to facilitate the learning process. The core content of the lessons is complemented with references to primary sources and additional resources on external websites.

It will take you approximately 45 minutes to complete the course, excluding additional materials. This is a self-paced course that allows you to manage your time as you wish. You can navigate the lessons at your convenience and retake them whenever you wish.

Completion Certificate

Take the quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress. You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain a course certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new courses, and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Course Outline & Content

Lesson 1: Introduction

Negotiation, objective, and scope of the Nagoya Protocol.

Lesson 2: Major Components of the Nagoya Protocol

Access to genetic resources; fair and equitable sharing of benefits; traditional knowledge; the Clearing-House; compliance; institutional arrangements.