



Objectives

Imparting **basic knowledge of the main principles of the IP system** and how they **relate to the issue of ABS** (*i.e. the potential value and role of IP in relation to the use of GRs and in the protection of TK and TCEs*):

- IP aspects/ considerations in the development of legislative, administrative and policy measures to protect TK and TCEs, and to address the interface between IP and GRs, at a national level;
- IP aspects/ considerations in mutually agreed terms for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of GRs and associated TK.

Providing an **overall overview of relevant regional and international processes**:

- Explaining the rationale and objectives of the negotiations that are taking place in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore;
- Providing an overview of relevant processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity (*i.e. under the WG on Art. 8(j) and the Nagoya Protocol*) on ABS and the relevance of IP to these processes, as well as of the Swakopmund Protocol;

Contributing to building **co-operation and collaboration** between and among **IPLCs** and **government** agencies.



Participants

The workshop will include participants from **six countries**:

Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa and Uganda.

Each country is invited to attend the workshop with 5 participants :

- two **IPLCs** representatives
- one officer from the **IP Office**
- one officer from the Ministry of Environment (**ABS focal point**)
- one officer from the body in charge of **Development Planning / Research**