



TELANGANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

UNEP – GEF – MoEF&CC- ABS Project

“Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions”

TECHNO LEGAL ADVISORY GROUP (TLAG) COMMITTEE MEETING ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING (ABS)

Date: 28.04.2015

**Venue: Telangana State Biodiversity Board
6th Floor, Chandra Vihar, Nampally, Hyderabad**

TENTATIVE - PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10:30 AM		10:45 AM	Introduction by TLAG Committee members	
10:45 AM	-	11:00 AM	Welcome address	Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS, Member Secretary, TSBDDB.
11:00 AM	-	11:30 AM	Brief about the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules.	Mr. G.Sailu, State Project Coordinator, UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project.
11:30 AM	-	2:00 PM	TLAG Committee members advices, recommendations and discussions:	
Agenda: 1	<p>Identification of traders, exporters, middle men who are accessing the biological resources for commercial utilization.</p> <p>Section 2(c) of the Biological Diversity Act states as follows:</p> <p><i>“biological resources” means plants, animals and micro-organisms or parts thereof, their genetic material and by-products (excluding value added products) with actual or potential use or value, but does not include human genetic material;</i></p> <p>Section 2(d)</p> <p><i>“bio-survey and bio-utilisation” means survey or collection of species, sub-species, genes, components and extracts of biological resource for any purpose and includes characterization, inventorisation and bioassay;</i></p> <p>Section 2(f)</p> <p><i>“Commercial utilization” means end uses of biological resources for commercial utilization such as drugs, industrial enzymes, food flavours, fragrance, cosmetics, emulsifiers, oleoresins, colours, extracts and genes used for improving crops and livestock through genetic intervention, but does not include conventional breeding or traditional practices in use in any agriculture, horticulture, poultry, dairy farming, animal husbandry or bee keeping;</i></p> <p>The TLAG members may give suggestions to the Board for identification and further action.</p>			
Agenda: 2	<p>Identification of user agencies (preparing the products by using biological resources) and make them aware and submit Form-I applications for access to biological resources.</p>			

<p>Agenda: 3</p>	<p>Issuing notices to the user agencies and taking necessary action under the Biological Diversity Act.</p> <p>Section 7 of the Biological Diversity Act states as follows:</p> <p><i>No person, who is a citizen of India or a body corporate, association or organization which is registered in India, shall obtain any biological resource for commercial utilization, or bio-survey and bio-utilisation for commercial utilization except after giving prior intimation to the State Biodiversity Board concerned:</i></p> <p><i>Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the local people and communities of the area, including growers and cultivators of biodiversity, and vaidas and hakims, who have been practicing indigenous medicine.</i></p> <p>Section 24:</p> <p><i>(1) Any citizen of India or a body corporate, organization or association registered in India intending to undertake any activity referred to in section 7 shall give prior intimation in such form as may be prescribed by the State Government to the State Biodiversity Board.</i></p> <p><i>(2) On receipt of an intimation under sub-section (1), the State Biodiversity Board may, in consultation with the local bodies concerned and after making such enquiries as it may deem fit, by order, prohibit or restrict any such activity if it is of opinion that such activity is detrimental or contrary to the objectives of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity or equitable sharing of benefits arising out of such activity:</i></p> <p><i>Provided that no such order shall be made without giving an opportunity of being heard to the person affected.</i></p> <p><i>(3) Any information given in the form referred to in sub-section (1) for prior intimation shall be kept confidential and shall be disclosed, either intentionally or unintentionally, to any person not concerned thereto.</i></p>
<p>Any Discussion & Closure</p>	
<p>2:15 PM</p>	<p>Followed by Lunch</p>