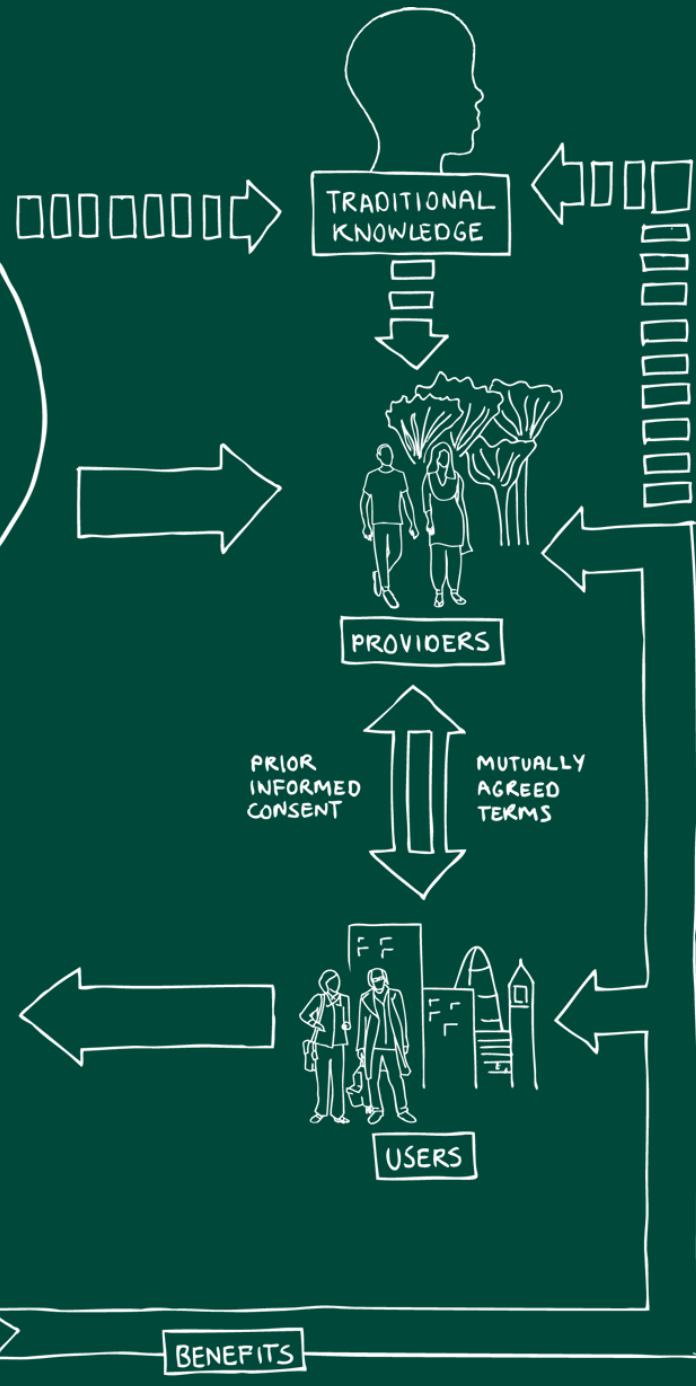
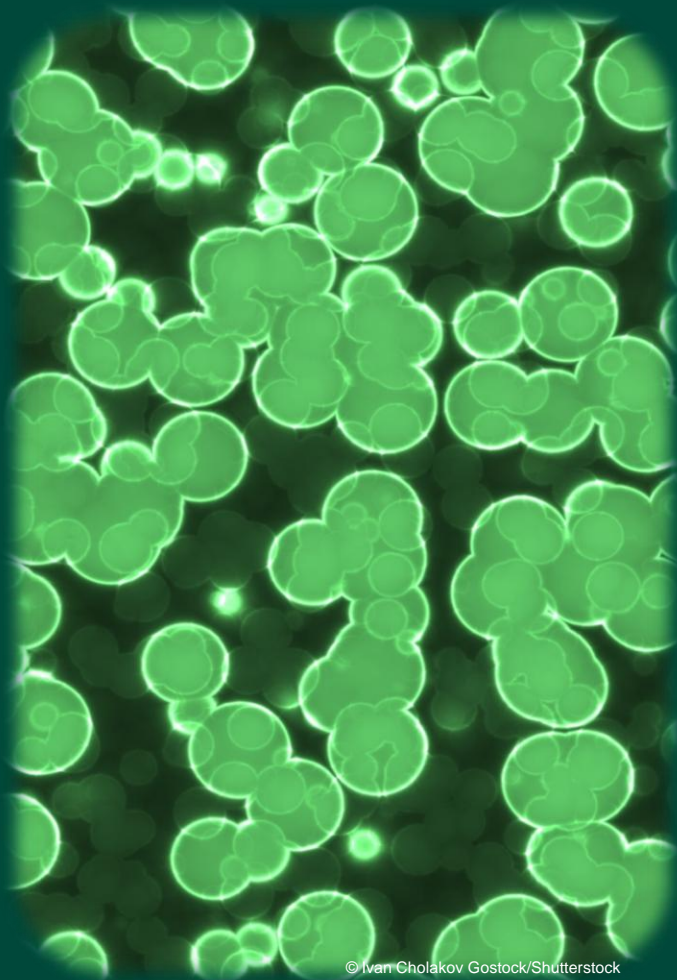


# Access and benefit-sharing information kit



# Introduction on access and benefit-sharing



**An information kit** was developed to build awareness on ABS. The key themes addressed in the information kit are:

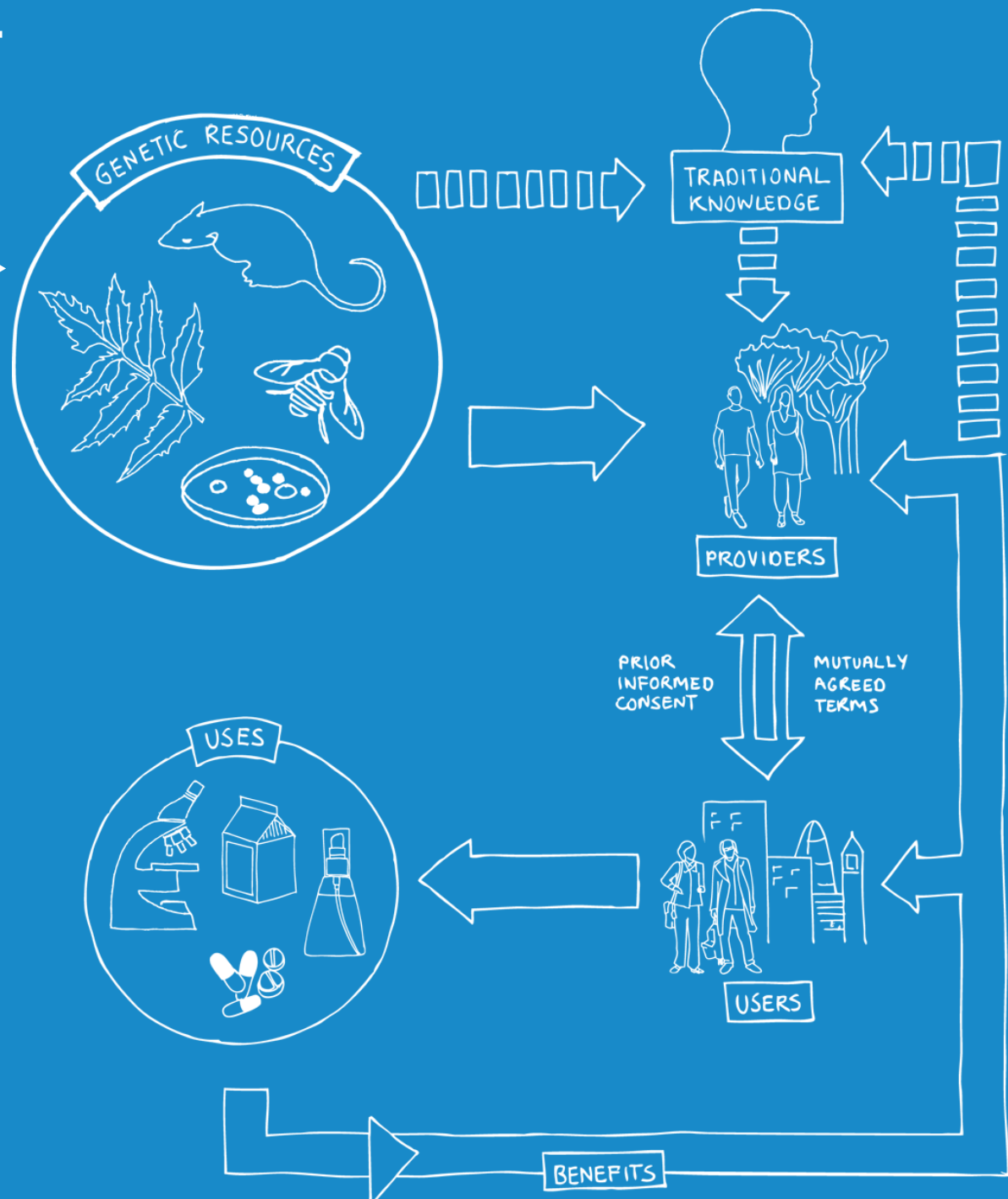
- Access and benefit-sharing
- Uses of genetic resources
- Traditional knowledge
- The Bonn Guidelines
- National Implementation

A brochure, factsheets and PowerPoint slides can be downloaded at:

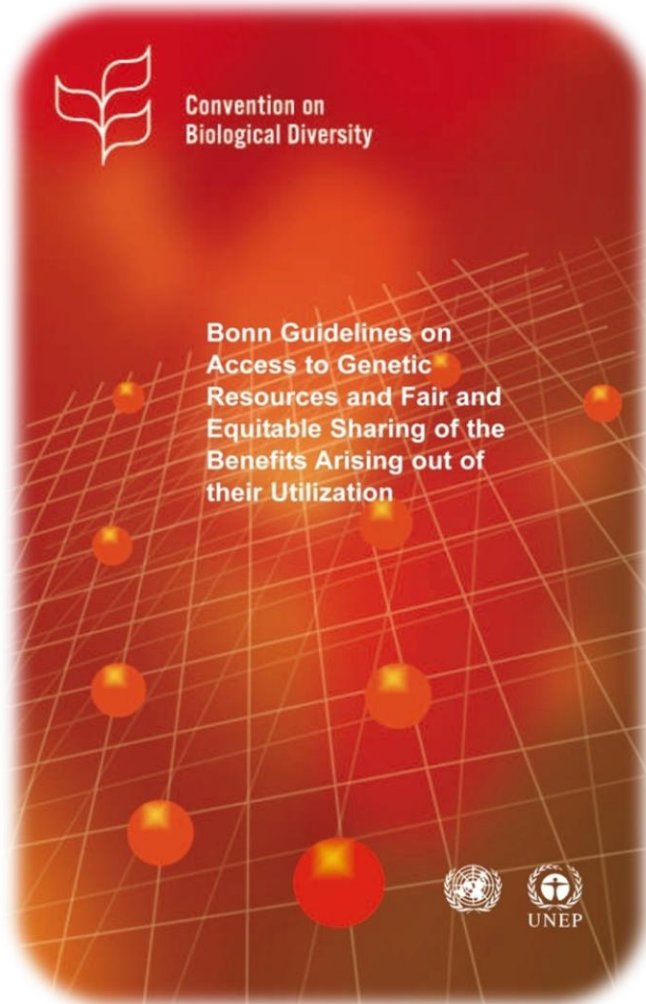
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## The Bonn Guidelines:

- Assist governments in the elaboration of measures to govern ABS
- Help users and providers of genetic resources to implement ABS procedures effectively

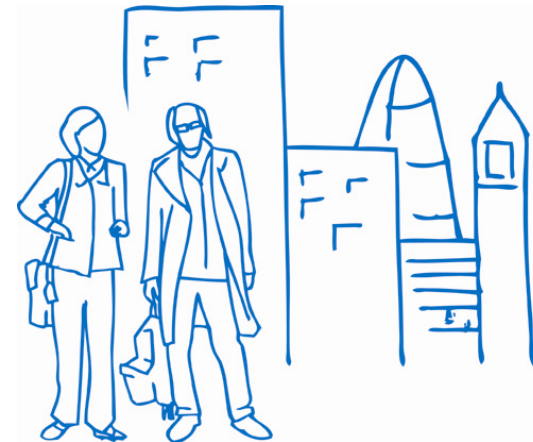
The Bonn Guidelines can be **downloaded** at:

- [www.cbd.int/abs/bonn.shtml](http://www.cbd.int/abs/bonn.shtml)

# The Bonn Guidelines

## Main purpose of the Guidelines:

- To guide countries, as providers, in setting up their own national measures for ABS, such as the elements of a prior informed consent procedure
- To assist providers and users in the negotiation of mutually agreed terms by providing examples of what elements should be included in these agreements



# The Bonn Guidelines



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## The Bonn Guidelines are relevant for:

- Governments developing their national ABS measures
- Institutions and individuals involved in the negotiation of ABS agreements



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# The Bonn Guidelines

The Guidelines provide that an **effective prior informed consent system** should respect basic principles, such as:

- Legal certainty and clarity
- Facilitated access to genetic resources at a minimum cost
- Restrictions on access to genetic resources should be transparent, based on legal grounds, and not run counter to the objectives of the Convention



# The Bonn Guidelines

The Guidelines provide that an **effective prior informed consent system** is to include:

- The establishment of competent national authorities (CNAs) who can grant prior informed consent
- Procedures for obtaining prior informed consent from the competent national authorities
- Clearly specified timing and deadlines
- Specifications of use
- Mechanism for consultation of relevant stakeholders





# The Bonn Guidelines



The Guidelines outline principles and basic requirements to be considered in the **development of mutually agreed terms**, including:

- Legal certainty and clarity
- Facilitating the transaction through clear information and formal procedures
- Reasonable periods of time for negotiations
- Terms set out in a written agreement

