

Research needs expressed in the Decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity: Cross-Cutting Issue: Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing

The Convention on Biological Diversity recognises the sovereign rights of States over their natural resources in areas within their jurisdiction. Parties to the Convention therefore have the authority to determine physical access to genetic resources in areas within their jurisdiction. Parties also have the obligation to take appropriate measures with the aim of sharing the benefits derived from their use. This is one of the three fundamental objectives of the Convention (<http://www.cbd.int/abs/default.shtml>). COP 10 agreed in Decision X/1 on the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Cited Decisions that express research needs are III/15, V/26, VI/24, VII/19 and X/1, also checked were Decisions II/11, II/12, IV/8, VIII/4, IX/12, XII/13 and XIII/18. The respective paras of VII/19 were retired at COP 11 (2012) and are no longer shown.

Direct research needs

Decision	Paragraph	Chapeau / Heading	Text	Source http://www.cbd.int/decisions/
V/26	Para 12	The Conference of the Parties	Notes that information is a critical aspect of providing the necessary parity of bargaining power for stakeholders in access and benefit-sharing arrangements, and that, in this respect, there is a particular need for more information regarding: (a) User institutions; (b) The market for genetic resources; (c) Non-monetary benefits; (d) New and emerging mechanisms for benefit-sharing; (e) Incentive measures; (f) Clarification of definitions; (g) Sui generis systems; and (h) "Intermediaries" .	cop-05.shtml?m=COP-05&id=7168

Indirect research needs

Decision	Paragraph	Chapeau / Heading	Text	Source http://www.cbd.int/decisions/
III/15	Para 4	The Conference of the Parties	<u>Invites</u> Governments, regional economic integration organizations and competent international, regional and national organizations to conduct analyses of ongoing experiences of legislative, administrative and policy measures and guidelines on access , including regional efforts and initiatives, and to disseminate these widely to assist Parties and	cop-03.shtml?m=COP-03&id=7111

			stakeholders involved in developing and implementing measures and guidelines on access.	
VI/24	Annex I Para 23	Bonn Guidelines on ABS.	The steps involved in the process of obtaining access to genetic resources and sharing of benefits may include activities prior to access, research and development conducted on the genetic resources, as well as their commercialization and other uses, including benefit-sharing.	cop-06.shtml?m=COP-06&id=7198
X/1	Annex	Non-monetary benefits may include, but not be limited to	Research directed towards priority needs, such as health and food security, taking into account domestic uses of genetic resources in the Party providing genetic resources	cop/?id=12267