



Parallel Event (Off-Site) to the UN Conference on Small Island Developing States

ABS Capacity Development Needs in SIDS Dimensions and Potentials of Marine Bioprospecting



Tuesday
2 September 2014
12:30 – 2:30 pm
SPREP Campus in
Vailima, Apia

- food will be provided -



With the **Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization** entering into force in October 2014 SIDS are challenged implementing the Protocol at national level and making the sharing of benefits from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge a reality.

- There is considerable interest of cosmetic and (phyto-)pharmaceutical industries to access and utilize traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources.
- Very unique traditional knowledge and specific traditional governance schemes are alive in these island states, especially in the Pacific.
- Research activities in marine environments for new compounds to be used in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries are increasing.
- Most activities occur in coastal waters and the huge exclusive economic zones (EEZs) of many SIDS offering significant benefit-sharing potential.

The ABS Initiative and its partners in the Caribbean and Pacific present their approaches to capacity development of the relevant stakeholders. They highlight potentials and challenges ahead and will engage in discussion with national actors.

Presenters: Clark Peteru (SPREP), Dr. Andreas Drews (ABS Capacity Development Initiative) and a representative of GEF/SGP