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**Access and Benefit Sharing Partnership Project**

**Training Curriculum on Biodiversity Management Committees**

**Writershop**

Date: 6,7 &8 November 2019

Venue: Hotel Turyaa, Chennai

**Agenda**

09:00 **Registration**

**09:30 – 10:00 Official Opening & interaction**

Welcome address - **Dr. Geetha Nayak**, Team Leader, ABS Partnership Project, GIZ, India  
Address by – **Mr. J. Justin Mohan**, IFS, Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, NBA  
– **Dr. V. B. Mathur**, Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, NBA  
Introduction of participants

**Day 1**

10:00 – 10:30 Introduction to the writershop and expected output, Q&A, formation of groups – Dr. Geetha Nayak

10:30 – 11:30 Group discussion

11:30 – 13:00 Participants will write on assigned topics

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:00 Presentations by four groups (15 min each)

15:00 – 15:30 Group discussion

15:30 – 17:00 Participants will write on assigned topics

17:00 End of day 1

**Day 2**

09:30 – 10:30 Presentations by four groups (15 min each)

10:30 – 11:00 Group discussion

11:00 – 13:00 Participants will write on assigned topics

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:00 Presentations by four groups (15 min each)

15:00 – 15:30 Group discussion

15:30 – 17:00 Participants will write on assigned topics

17:00 End of day 2

## Day 3

09:30 – 10:30 Presentations by four groups (15 min each)

10:30 – 12:00 **Peer reviewing**

12:00 – 13:00 **Submission of all group works and way forward discussions**

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break & end of writeshop**

### Training curriculum (topics)

#### 1. **Biodiversity**

- What is biodiversity?
- Types of biodiversity
- Endemic, threatened, Red List of IUCN
- Threats
- Initiatives to conservation (international & national)

#### 2. **The Biological Diversity Act, 2002**

- CBD and its objective
- Enactment of the BDA
- Scope of BDA (biodiversity + associated knowledge including TK)
- Sections of BDA (ABS, BMCs – role, function, BHS etc)
- Institutional structures established in India
- Challenges of ABS implementation
- Other local-level committees dealing with environment, natural resources
- Laws to protect environment, forest etc. (make a mention)

#### 3. **Biodiversity Management Committees**

- Why BMC?
- Constitution of BMCs
- Roles & responsibility
- Functions
- What are the challenges in operationalisation of BMCs?
- Success stories

#### 4. **Operationalisation of BMCs**

- Administrative set-up (various aspects from day-to-day functioning)
- Financial aspects
- Networking with other BMCs
- Challenges in operationalisation

#### 5. **People's Biodiversity Registers (field visits)**

- Why PBRs?
- What constitutes PBRs? (BR & TK)
- Who are involved in documentation of PBRs?
- What resources are required for PBRs?
- How to use the information in PBR?

#### 6. **Access and Benefit Sharing**

- About ABS Mechanism – Historical perspective, importance
- Process of ABS applications
- Case study on ABS
- Sanctions and cases