Use of Community protocols in ABS context

What happens once the community protocol is developed and how can we support communities in using their protocol?
Possibilities

- Grant of PIC and negotiation of ABS agreements
- Contribution to the national framework development
- Engagement in value chain
- Advocacy strategy
- Conflict prevention and resolution
### Simplified value chain

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<th>Asking first for access…</th>
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<td>- Participation in ‘discovery’, production and resource collection activities</td>
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### Possible roles for communities

- Participation in ‘discovery’, production and resource collection activities
- Control of the conditions for collecting resources and knowledge (*collection technique, respect for customary rules, etc.*).
- Traditional Knowledge registration
- Denunciation of non-compliance with agreed conditions for access to resources…
- Partnership with research institutions (*e.g.* production of scientific knowledge from traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources)
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### Possible uses of the community protocol

- Development of trusting relationships through PIC and negotiated MAT
- Organization/structuring of the community in the value chain
- Establishing dialogues and negotiating the terms of engagement in a value chain
- Prevention and resolution of potential conflicts (internal / external)
Contribution to the national framework

National framework

❖ Share their perceptions and visions on the different national and international policies and legal texts
❖ Call for the recognition of certain rights not yet formally recognised by the legal framework
❖ Inform contexts and needs of communities in development of systems for the protection and promotion of TK

Knowing their rights better, communities are better able to engage in discussions about these frameworks

Local experiences through community protocols processes
Advocacy strategy

- Using as evidence to assert/claim for rights over resources or aTK

- Serve as evidence of whether the community has given the PIC, been consulted or participated in a manner that respects their rights and procedures

- Proof of customary rights (as a source of law)

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How to support communities

• Support communication of the protocol to external stakeholders, including users of GR and aTK

• Remind the community of the information in the protocol

• Support communities to carry out the process that has been agreed upon in the protocol in terms of their decision making and participation during the discussions

• Provide technical and legal advice

• Support communities to find consensus without entering into the substance of the discussion

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THANK YOU !