



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

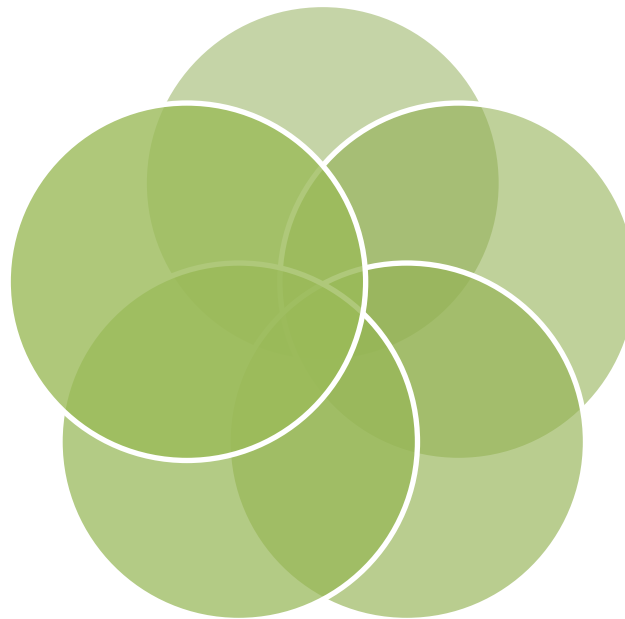
Grant of PIC and
negotiation of ABS
agreements

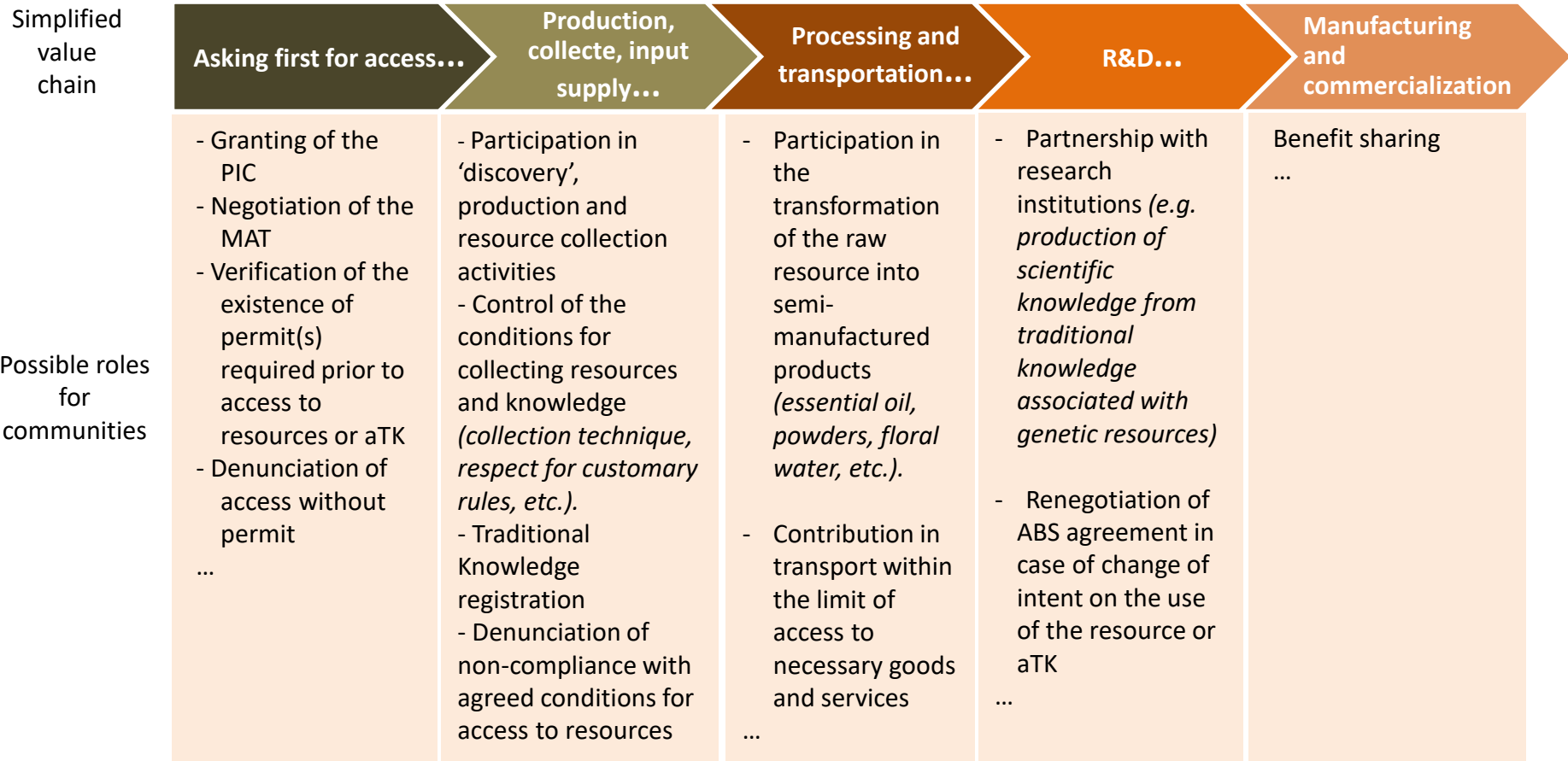
Contribution to
the national
framework
development

Engagement in
value chain

Advocacy
strategy

Conflict
prevention and
resolution





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)
- ...

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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