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Integrated Assessment of Trade- Related Policies and Biological Diversity in the Agriculture Sector

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY



UNEP Governing Council Decision 21/14:

To continue to promote understanding, dialogue and the dissemination of information about multilateral environmental agreements, including any trade measures, *inter alia*, to develop capacity to ensure that trade and environmental policies are mutually supportive.

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):

- ARTICLE 14
- COP DECISION VI/5
- COP 7 SPECIAL REPORT (COP/7/INF/15)

UNEP-ETB:

- CONTRIBUTION TO COP SPECIAL REPORT
- PAST INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT INITIATIVES



OVERALL MISSION



The **overall aim** of the initiative is to:

- Support African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries in their efforts to promote national sustainable development, poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation objectives
- Enhance capacities in these countries to assess, design and implement agricultural trade-related policies that further these national objectives



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



- Enhance capacities to assess environmental, social and economic impacts of agricultural trade-related policies, with a particular emphasis on the protection of biological diversity
- Enhance capacities to develop and implement integrated national responses to the outcomes from the assessments
- Support implementation of the CBD through increased understanding of factors that lead to a loss in biodiversity and protection of biodiversity associated with trade-related policies
- Enable ACP countries to integrate the sustainable management of biodiversity and other natural resources in their negotiation of the EU- ACP Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA)

MAJOR ACTIVITIES



Year 1:

- A Trade and Biodiversity Reference Manual is being developed to provide guidance for assessing trade-related policies in the agriculture sector at the national level.

Year 2 - 3:

- Pilot country projects will be implemented in six ACP countries. Participating governments will designate national institutions who will use the Reference Manual as guidance for assessing environmental, economic and social impacts of agricultural trade-related policies.

Year 4:

- Subject to successful completion of the assessment stage, participating governments and designated national institutions will elaborate, assess and implement national policy responses.

YEAR ONE



Activities/Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
First International Steering Committee Meeting													UNEP, international experts, NGOs, IOs
Preparation of Trade and Biodiversity Reference Manual													UNEP-WCMC, international experts, government ministries
Second International Steering Committee Meeting													All participants from 1 st meeting and representatives from ACP Government ministries
Preparation of National IA Country Project MOUs													Government ministries, national institutions, UNEP, other relevant institutions

YEAR TWO



Activities/Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
National Workshops to Launch IA Country Projects													Government ministries, national institutions, UNEP and other relevant institutions
Establishment of National Steering Committees													Representatives from government ministries, IOs, private sector, NGOs, academia, affected communities
Application of Assessment Methodologies to Identified Trade-related Policy													Government ministries, national institutions, UNEP, other relevant institutions
International Workshop in Geneva to Review Progress of IA Stage													UNEP, Government ministry representatives, national institutions, international experts

YEAR THREE



Activities/Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
Application of Assessment Methodologies to identified trade-related policy													Government ministries, national institutions, National Steering Committees (NSC) and UNEP
National Workshops to Review Progress of IA													Government ministries, national institution, UNEP, and other relevant institutions
Design of Integrated National Responses													Government ministries, national institutions, NSCs, and UNEP
National Workshops to disseminate outcomes of IA													UNEP, representatives from Government ministry, national institutions
International Workshop in Geneva to disseminate outcomes of national IAs													UNEP, representatives from Government ministry, national institutions, and members of IWG

YEAR FIVE



Activities/Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
Finalization of the Synthesis Report													UNEP
Side Event at International Biodiversity Meeting to Disseminate Results of the Initiative													UNEP, international experts and representatives of national implementing institutions

EXPECTED OUTCOMES



- **Strengthened capacity for coordination and harmonization of sustainable development, poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation objectives at the national and international levels**
- **Strengthened implementation of the CBD:
Article 14, 2010 Targets**
- **Further refinement and development of agricultural biodiversity assessment methodologies and indicators**
- **Implementation of policies which enhance positive effects and mitigate negative effects to biodiversity from agricultural trade-related policies**



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