



*Side-event during the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) 16
at FAO in Rome*

Access and Benefit-Sharing of Animal Genetic Resources: Community Protocols and Other Perspectives

Venue and time: Austria room (C-237); 1st February, 13:15 – 14:45

Organizer: League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development (LPP) and
ABS Capacity Building Initiative

Pastoralists provide important agro-ecosystem services, creating and managing not only a crucial part of domestic animal diversity, but also of forage and plant diversity. They produce food, especially protein, without any of the usual agricultural inputs (fuel, chemical fertilizer, pesticides, machinery) and without even tilling the soil. In countries such as India they are crucial providers of organic manure. Unfortunately this function has remained unrecognized, but Community Protocols as for example promoted by the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing are making this role of pastoralism increasingly visible. The presentations will highlight a landscape approach to conserving domestic animal diversity, the existing experiences with community protocols of pastoralist communities about the biodiversity they create and manage, as well as international obligations and national regulations with respect to Access and Benefit-Sharing of animal genetic resources.

Speakers:

- Toby Hodgkin and Dunja Mijatovic, Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research: Landscapes for agrobiodiversity: Documenting the livestock perspective
- Hartmut Meyer, ABS Capacity Building Initiative: The Nagoya Protocol and national ABS frameworks – Implications for animal genetic resources
- Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, LPP: Beyond MTAs: The need for thinking out of the box on ABS of AnGR

Chair: Ambassador François Pythoud, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP

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