

CBBT in Namibia

Creating a National Environment and Trade framework mechanism

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Issues to take forward

- ABS/bioprospecting
- Biotrade (in natural products)
- Bio-energy
 - Bush-to-energy/charcoal/biochar
 - Biofuels
- Branding and labelling
- Carbon markets
 - CDM/post2012
 - Voluntary markets
- CBNRM

Issues continued

- Community-based enterprises
- CITES (links to livelihoods)
- Eco-tourism
- Ethical trade and certification
- Fisheries (sustainability certification)
- Intellectual property
 - TRIPS Council (mandatory disclosure, GI)
 - WIPO IGC on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (links to CBD ABS IR)

More issues

- Local value-adding
- Mining (rehabilitation and offsets)
- Organic production and certification
- Payments for ecosystem services
- Primary producers' share in value chains
- Quality control
- Technical barriers to trade, e.g.
 - SPS issues
 - EU Novel Foods, THMD etc.
 - US GRAS

Cross-cutting issues

- National development policies
- Communications strategy
- Negotiations
 - Capacity building
 - Coordination of positions
 - Coherent approach in different forums
- Private sector participation

You choose, you lose...

- Highly dynamic situation, nationally and internationally (MCA, UNFCCC, ABS IR, market forces...)
- Impossible to prioritise for >6 months
- Solution:
 - Develop strategy and action plan based on national priorities
 - But retain flexibility and capacity to respond rapidly to changes
- Ensure resources are quickly available when needed

Ownership and continuity

- Flexible mechanism requires
 - Legitimacy (i.e. mandated to decide)
 - Feedback loop ('watching brief')
 - Willingness to re-plan as needed
- Continuity requires GRN lead, commitment
- Must be open to all relevant stakeholders
- Act as 'focal point' for e.g. donor funding
- Maintain momentum ('flywheel effect')
- Coordinating role

Suggested actions

- Establish NEAT (Namibia Environment and Trade) as a sub-body of the National Trade Forum – build on RTEA NEAP
 - Stakeholders?
 - Champions?
 - Expertise
 - Capacity gaps
- MTI to chair, provide secretarial services
- TA from CRIAA SA-DC
- Develop strategy and action plan