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## IFPMA & VFA side event at CBD COP9

### Ethical access and benefit sharing of genetic resources: the IFPMA Guidelines

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## IFPMA & the CBD ABS objectives



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## IFPMA is...

- Supporting the objectives of the CBD
- Willing to participate in appropriate technical assistance
- Calling on members to achieve a balance between the conservation of biodiversity and encouragement of access to and use of genetic resources in a way that would promote fair and equitable benefit sharing



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## Industry commitments

- Obtain prior informed consent (PIC)
- Disclose the intended nature and field of use of the genetic resources
- Gain necessary approval to remove materials found *in situ*
- Respect existing use(s) of the genetic resources in the manner it has been used in the source or any other country



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## Enabling steps by governments

- National legislation implementing the CBD
- Establishment of Focal Points
- Enter into good faith negotiations to the terms of ABS-contracts with commercial entities
- Agreement on Dispute resolutions



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## Goal

- Establish a practical access and benefit sharing environment conducive to value creation and equitable sharing of rewards through the clarification of major stakeholders respective rights and responsibilities



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## The R&D industry:

- Is firmly committed to fair and equitable access & benefit sharing
- Will continue to play a constructive role in ongoing CBD negotiations to create an effective international regime
- Bottom line:  
Ensure the preservation and sustainable use of the earth's biodiversity resources for the future of humanity