

**UNDP-GEF, NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY, NLSIU AND NLUJAA
RESEARCH PROJECT ON STRENGTHENING HUMAN RESOURCES, LEGAL
FRAMEWORKS, AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE
NAGOYA PROTOCOL**



The UNDP-GEF Project: Strengthening human resources, legal frameworks, and institutional capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol is a three year project that specifically aims at assisting countries in the development and strengthening of their national ABS frameworks, human resources, and administrative capabilities to implement the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing. The project seeks to achieve this by a) strengthening the legal, policy and institutional capacity to develop the ABS Frameworks, b) building trust between users and providers of genetic resources to facilitate the identification of bio-diversity efforts: and c) Strengthening the capacity of indigenous and local communities to contribute to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

The implementation of the basic measures of the Nagoya Protocol in the participating countries is intended to unleash a wide range of monetary and non- monetary benefits for providers of genetic resources. Some of these benefits should be reinvested in the conservation and sustainable use of

the biological resources from where the genetic resources were obtained. This will help in fulfilling one of the three objectives of the Convention of Biological Diversity. i.e. the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, including access to genetic resources, transfer of relevant technologies and funding. The first phase of the project involved conducting Inception and Training the Trainers workshop aimed at training law professors/teachers and key persons from the industry in the fundamentals of the Biological Diversity Act, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and other legal and policy aspects affecting biological diversity and the ABS mechanism in India. This workshop was successfully carried out from the 12th to 16th February 2018 by the National Law School of India University on its campus.

Mr Chiradeep Basak, Assistant Professor of Law was nominated for the said Master Trainer's program. His project proposal to pursue an action research has also been selected. The said action research will be carried out by Centre for Environmental Law, NLU- Assam under the coordinator-ship of Mr. Basak. A two day regional workshop will be organized at NLU Assam in 2018 for the same.