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Major Progress Update

The ABS Regional Project invites Regional Project Steering Committee members to note the following activities that have been implemented by the Project in 2021

1. National ABS Capacity Building Workshops & Consultations

- ✓ Capacity Building Workshops held virtually in Tonga, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, PNG, Samoa.
- ✓ Consultations on ABS policy development

2. Webinars on ABS related issues (largely regional but some participants were outside the Pacific Region)

- ✓ Pacific Webinar on Negotiating a Contract: Inclusive Decision-Making Process in Access and Benefit Sharing and Bio trade; breaking barriers in implementing Nagoya Protocol.

3. Country Focused Meetings for Need Analysis & Assessment

- ✓ Virtual Meetings with Tuvalu, FSM, RMI, Tonga, PNG, Solomon Islands & Samoa
- ✓ Email discussions with Kiribati, Palau, Cook Islands

4. Technical Coordination & Support in ABS Negotiation (and related issues) at COP level

- ✓ Preparatory Meeting to the SBSTTA
- ✓ Working Group 2020-3
- ✓ SBI

5. Awareness and Communication enhancement, improvement and visibility

- ✓ Funding support to Samoa, PNG, Tonga, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands for workshop awareness materials and communication.
- ✓ Funding support to community visits in Samoa & national awareness activities
- ✓ Initiation of the Awareness & information kit on ABS for the Region.

6. Advice and technical support towards ratification

- ✓ PNG and Kiribati

7. Advice and technical support towards development of national compliance mechanisms

- ✓ All countries except Niue, Nauru

8. Support for Compliance Measures in the Pacific

- ✓ ABS Consultant for the Pacific Regional Guidelines.

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