



# National Webinar on Implementation of Access to Plant Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing (ABS)

**August 27, 2020 (Thursday)**  
2.00 p.m. Indian Standard Time (GMT + 5.5 h)

## Program

<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b>		
Chair: <b>R.S. Paroda</b> , President, ISPGR & Chairman, TAAS Chief Guest: <b>T. Mohapatra</b> , Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR Guest of Honour: <b>Juan Lucas Restrepo</b> , DG, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT		
Time (IST)	Activity	Resources Persons/Speakers
14.00 – 14.05	Welcome	<b>J.C. Rana</b> , National Coordinator, UNEP- GEF Project
14.05 – 14.10	Context of Webinar	<b>Kuldeep Singh</b> , Director, ICAR- NBPGR
14.10 – 14.20	Remarks by Special Invitee	<b>V.B. Mathur</b> , Chairperson, NBA
14.20 – 14.35	Address by Guest of Honour	<b>Juan Lucas Restrepo</b> , DG, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
14.35 – 14.50	Address by Chief Guest	<b>T. Mohapatra</b> , Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR
14.50 – 15.00	Remarks by Chair	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> , President, ISPGR and Chairman, TAAS
<b>TECHNICAL SESSION - Perspectives on ABS Implementation</b>		
Chair : <b>P.L. Gautam</b> , Former Chairperson, NBA & PPV&FRA Co-Chair : <b>R.C. Agrawal</b> , DDG (Education) & ND, NAHEP		
15.05 – 15.20	ABS in PGRFA – Global experience	<b>Vania C.R. Azevedo</b> , Head of Genebank, ICRISAT
15.20 – 15.35	ABS in respect to conventional plant breeding under the BDA	<b>Malathi Lakshmikumar</b> , Executive Director, Laxmikumar & Sridharan Associates

15.35 – 15.50	Perspectives of seed sector on ABS	<b>R. Kaundinya</b> , DG, FSII
15.50 – 16.05	Respecting (agrobio) diversity, sharing benefits	<b>Shalini Bhutani</b> , Legal Researcher and Policy Analyst, FAO-India
16.05- 16.15	Remarks by <b>Co-Chair</b> and <b>Chair</b>	
<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>		
Chair : <b>T.R. Sharma</b> , DDG (Crop Science), ICAR Co-Chair : <b>Kuldeep Singh</b> , Director, ICAR-NBPGR		
16.20 – 17.20	<b>Álvaro Toledo</b> , Deputy Secretary, ITPGRFA Secretariat	
	<b>S.K. Sharma</b> , Former Director, ICAR-NBPGR	
	<b>Bhag Mal</b> , Secretary, TAAS	
	<b>Sanjeev Saxena</b> , ADG (IPTMU), ICAR	
	<b>R.K. Tyagi</b> , Coordinator, APAARI/APCoAB	
	<b>K.S. Varaprasad</b> , Former Director, IIOR	
	<b>K.P. Raghuram</b> , Technical Officer (Benefit Sharing), NBA	
	<b>Neeti Wilson</b> , Partner, Anand & Anand	
	<b>P. Narayanan Unny</b> , Progressive Farmer, Navara Eco Farm	
	Remarks by <b>Co-Chair</b> and <b>Chair</b>	
<b>CONCLUDING SESSION</b>		
Chair : <b>R.S. Paroda</b> , President, ISPGR & Chairman, TAAS Co-Chairs : <b>V.B. Mathur</b> , Chairperson, NBA		
17.20 - 17.40	General Discussion	
17.40 - 17.55	Concluding Remarks	<b>Co-Chair</b> and <b>Chair</b>
17.55 - 18.00	Vote of Thanks	<b>B. Sarath Babu</b> , Councillor (SZ), ISPGR

**Convenors:** J.C. Rana (Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT) and Anuradha Agrawal (ISPGR)

**Moderator :** Sunil Archak (ISPGR)

**Rapporteurs :** Pratibha Brahmi (ICAR-NBPGR) and Rakesh Singh (ISPGR)

**Facilitators :** Sonal Dsouza (Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT); Vijay Mandal (ICAR-NBPGR)