

# Capacity Building Workshops for Addressing the Local Needs of Nepal's Evolving Legal Regime for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing

15-21 March 2018  
Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, and Sydney

## Organised by

The ARC Laureate Project "Harnessing Intellectual Property to Food Security"  
in the TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland

## Program

**15 March: The Sir Harry Gibbs Moot Court (Room W247), the TC Beirne School of Law,  
The University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane**

### **1.30 – 2.30 PM: OPENING SESSION**

#### **Welcome remarks**

Professor Brad Sherman, ARC Laureate Fellow, the TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland

#### **Introductory remarks**

Dr. Maheshwar Dhakal, Joint-Secretary, the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, the Government of Nepal

#### **Roundtable meeting between the Nepali delegation and the ARC Laureate group**

Exploring the broader dynamics of the regulation of intellectual property and access and benefit sharing laws in Asia, Latin America and Africa

### **2.30 – 3.30 PM: TECHNICAL SESSION 1**

#### **The role of the concept of access in shaping access and benefit sharing law**

Dr. Kamallesh Adhikari, AIBE Research Fellow and Member of the ARC Laureate Group

#### **Australian experience on biodiscovery laws: Lessons for Nepal**

Professor Brad Sherman, ARC Laureate Fellow and Ms Jocelyn Bosse, Doctoral Researcher, the ARC Laureate Project, the TC Beirne School of Law

*Tea Break: 3.30 – 4 PM*

### **4 – 5 PM: TECHNICAL SESSION 2**

#### **The Kakadu Plum: The transition from indigenous to scientific communities**

Dr. Yasmina Sultanbawa, Associate Professor, Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation, The University of Queensland

*Open discussion*

**16 March: 41 Boggo Road, the Ecosciences Precinct, Department of Environment and Science, Queensland Government**

**11 AM – 12.30 PM**

**The legal regulation of biodiscovery research in Queensland**

Mr. Stephen Potts, Manager, Science Policy and Evaluation Services, Science Division, Department of Environment and Science, Queensland Government

**The regulatory dynamics of the access and benefit sharing regime in Nepal**

Dr. Maheshwar Dhakal, Joint-Secretary, the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, the Government of Nepal

*Open discussion followed by a tour at the Ecosciences Precinct*

**18 March: West St, Darling Heights, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba**

**11 AM – 2 PM**

**An assessment of governance quality and development of “verifiers” for key governance indicators for community-based forest management regimes in the Hindu-Kush Himalayan Region: Some reflections for access and benefit law in Nepal**

Dr. Tek Maraseni, Associate Professor, University of Southern Queensland

**A critical assessment of Nepal’s draft law on Access to Genetic Resources**

Dr. Kamallesh Adhikari, AIBE Research Fellow and Member of the ARC Laureate Group

*Open discussion*

**19 March: 90 Sippy Downs Dr, Sippy Downs, University of Sunshine Coast**

**11 AM – 5 PM**

**What’s behind the logo? The Union for Ethical BioTrade and the use of trade marks to encourage and facilitate behaviour change for ABS**

Dr. Jay Sanderson, Acting Head of Law School, University of Sunshine Coast

*Open discussion followed by a visit to the Noosa National Park, Park Rd, Noosa Heads*

**21 March: John Goodsell Building, Room 221/223, The University of New South Wales, Sydney**

**9.30 AM – 12.30 PM**

**Issues and challenges for the making and implementation of access and benefit sharing law: Australia’s experience - implications for Nepal**

Mr. Geoff Burton, Principal Consultant, Genetic Resources Management, Jean Shannon and Associates, and Visiting Senior Research Fellow, UNU-IAS, Tokyo, Japan

**Implementing the Nagoya Protocol: Some key trends and case studies to help countries and communities develop systems of protection**

Dr. Daniel Robinson, Associate Professor, the University of New South Wales, Sydney and a Research Fellow at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva.

*Open discussion*