

Stock-Taking of Niigata Action Plan

1 Program • Project Title / Activity No. :

Share results of a symposium on the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety/No.42

2 Responsible Economy

Japan

3 Objectives

Promote the implementation of Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) to the Convention on Biological Diversity that is an international agreement which aims to ensure the safe handling, transport and use of living modified organisms that may have adverse effects on biological diversity.

4 Synopsis of Activities

•The International Symposium on COP10 and COP-MOP5: The Significance of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (15 March, 2011, Tokyo, Japan)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan hosted the “International Symposium on COP10 and COP-MOP5: The Significance of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol on ABS” at Grand Prince Hotel Akasaka, Tokyo, on March 15, 2011. The main negotiators, industry representatives, the NGOs and the academic experts participated in this symposium. Upon adoption of these two protocols, this symposium discussed the significance of adoption of these protocols and exchanged views on the future perspective of the Protocols.

The symposium was composed of three parts: (I) Negotiation and Adoption of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary

Protocol; (II) Cartagena Protocol Regime and Implementation of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and (III) Nagoya Protocol on ABS. Panelists who were involved in the negotiation of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol on ABS provided their observations to the significance of those two protocols from their perspectives and experiences. Through this symposium, participants raised various questions to the panelists from the floor and keen discussion held between them. The working language of the symposium was English with simultaneous interpretation in Japanese and English.

●Workshop on the Implementation of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (21-22 February, 2013 , Tokyo, Japan) *invitation only*

The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress was adopted on 15 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan. It was open for signature from 7 March 2011 to 6 March 2012. By closing date for signature it was signed by 51 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and it has ratified by 11 as of this moment (March 2013).

Exchanging country's experience in the transposition of the core elements of the NKLSP such as damage, response measures to damage and entities responsible to take response measures could further facilitate the ratification process. Japan, therefore, organized the workshop to bring together participants from different regions including two ratified countries to share information and exchange experiences in developing and implementing liability rules on damage to biological diversity caused by living modified organisms.

5 Status

Not yet dealt On going Completed

6 Further Activities needed