

**The Ministry of Natural Resources and  
Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus  
National Academy of Sciences of Belarus**

**Belarus on the way towards  
the ratification of the  
Nagoya Protocol**

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**Item 41 of the Strategy on conservation and sustainable utilization of biological diversity for 2011-2020, approved by Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of 19 November 2010 N1707, envisages working out mechanism providing access to genetic resources and joint distribution of benefits in accordance with requirements of the Convention on Biological Diversity.**

**To implement this item the list of potential providers and users of genetic resources were defined.**

**They are as follows:**

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<p><b>The Institute of Genetics and Cytology at the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus</b></p> <p>Contact persons:            Prof. Alexander Kilchevsky, Director;            Assoc. Prof. Elena Makeyeva</p>	<p>DNA cryobank of crops, vegetable cultivars, technical crops, potato cultivars, soybean and sunflower cultivars; microorganisms; human DNA of outstanding sportsmen and people bearing genes which code some special multifactorial diseases</p> <p><a href="http://gens.by">http://gens.by</a></p>
<p><b>The Scientific and Practical Center for Arable Farming of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus</b></p> <p>Contact persons:            Dr. Fedor Privalov, Director;            Mr. Vladimir Gorelik, Ms. Iryna Matys</p>	<p>Belarusian Genetic Bank of agricultural plant cultivars includes seed collections of crops, leguminous plants, oil-bearing plants, cereals, technical crops and fodder crops</p> <p><a href="http://www.belgenbank.by">http://www.belgenbank.by</a></p>
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# **USERS**

**Universities, private companies of different fields, such as pharmaceuticals, agricultural, gardening, cosmetic and biotechnological ones.**

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**The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus were determined as stakeholders for acceding the Nagoya Protocol.**

**The following ministries should be involved in the preparation of draft of the Act of the President of the Republic of Belarus on ratification of the Nagoya Protocol:**

**Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Forest, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economics and Ministry of Finance.**

**The first round-table for discussion issues concerning access to genetic resources of Belarus under the Nagoya Protocol has been done on 8 February, 2013.**

**Representatives of the ministries mentioned above and the institutions of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus took a part in that round-table discussion.**

**To improve the ratification process the stakeholders should make following steps:**

- to organize the number of seminars with interested state institutions, including scientific ones, public associations and government authorities on issues of access to genetic resources and benefit sharing of their utilization under the Nagoya Protocol;**
- to analyze the current legislation on biodiversity, wildlife, forestry, agriculture, etc. and harmonize it with the Nagoya Protocol requirements;**
- to prepare the draft of the Act of the President of the Republic of Belarus on ratification of the Nagoya Protocol.**



**Thank you!**

