

Information on Prior Informed Consent (PIC)¹

Prior Informed Consent means the unilateral declaration of the Provider that he/she has been informed about the planned research and that he/she is willing to provide the required access to Genetic Resources.

A proposed procedure is that the Provider confirms that he/she has been informed on the research project by the User and consents to provide access to genetic resources in-situ and/or ex-situ necessary to carry out the research in accordance with the research project attached to this Agreement. He/she herewith gives his/her Prior Informed Consent. The PIC should contain, i.a., information on the resources to be accessed, planned utilization, prospective or intended benefits to be shared. A Prior Informed Consent can also consist in a research permit, if so intended by the Provider.

¹ Information adapted from [Biber-Klemm S., Martinez S. I., Jacob A., Jevtic A. \(2016\): Agreement on Access and Benefit-sharing for Academic Research. Bern: Swiss Academy of Sciences \(SCNAT\) p. 12, and p. 15-16.](#) Consultation of this very useful document is recommended for a more detailed description of ABS-related processes.