

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia ABS Academic Forum

The Path Forward for ABS in Asia:  
Bridging Policy and Practice

Date: September 17-19, 2025

Venue: Somerset Palace Seoul



Hosts



**KRIKBB**  
Korea Research Institute of  
Bioscience & Biotechnology



KOREA ABS  
RESEARCH CENTER

Sponsor



Ministry of Science and ICT



# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia ABS Academic Forum

## The Path Forward for ABS in Asia: Bridging Policy and Practice

Date: September 18, 2025    Venue: Somerset Palace Seoul

### Program

Time	Event
09:30 ~ 10:00 (30')	Registration MC: Dr. Seon Lee Researcher, Korea ABS Research Center, KRIBB
10:00 ~ 10:05 (05')	Opening Remarks Dr. Young Hyo Chang Director, Korea ABS Research Center, KRIBB
10:05 ~ 10:10 (05')	Welcoming Remarks Dr. Jeong Heon Ko Executive Vice President, KRIBB
10:10 ~ 10:15 (05')	Congratulatory Remarks Ms. Seung Yeon Han Head of Bioscience Technology Team, Ministry of Science & ICT
10:15 ~ 10:45 (30')	[Keynote Speech] Global Research & Benefit Sharing on Biodiversity Dr. Sangho Choi Director, International Biological Material Research Center, KRIBB
10:45 ~ 10:50 (05')	Photo Session
10:50 ~ 11:20 (30')	[Presentation 1] From the adoption of Nagoya Protocol to AAAF Tokyo 2026: Challenges and Prospects of ABS in Asia Dr. Mutsuaki Suzuki Director, ABS Support Office, National Institute of Genetics (NIG)
11:20 ~ 11:50 (30')	[Presentation 2] Bhutan's ABS: From Policy to Practice and Emerging Challenges Mr. Kezang Wangchuk Biodiversity Officer, National Biodiversity Centre (NBC), Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MoAL)
11:50 ~ 12:20 (30')	[Presentation 3] Cambodia's Progress on ABS Dr. Sothearith Yourk Deputy Director and Alternate National ABS Focal Point, Department of Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment
12:20 ~ 13:50 (90')	Lunch
13:50 ~ 14:20 (30')	[Presentation 4] 13 years of Promoting ABS in Japan: Towards Responsible Research and Innovation in the Life Sciences Ms. Asako Hasegawa ABS Support Office, National Institute of Genetics (NIG)
14:20 ~ 14:50 (30')	[Presentation 5] Building National Capacities to Operationalise the ABS Framework in Malaysia: Achievements and Next Steps Dr. Khairul Naim Adham Deputy Undersecretary, Biodiversity and Biological Resources Management Division (BPPB), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES)
14:50 ~ 15:20 (30')	[Presentation 6] Thailand's ABS Triangle Relation: Bridging National Policies and Practical Actions Mrs. Patcharin Rachatanich Senior Bioeconomy Development Officer, Biodiversity-Based Economy Development Office (BEDO)
15:20 ~ 15:40 (20')	Coffee Break
15:40 ~ 16:10 (30')	[Presentation 7] Policy into Practice: Researcher Support and ABS Experiences in Korea Dr. Minho An Principal Specialist, Korea ABS Research Center, KRIBB
16:10 ~ 16:50 (40')	Discussion
16:50 ~ 17:00 (10')	Closing Remarks Dr. Mutsuaki Suzuki Director, ABS Support Office, National Institute of Genetics (NIG)

Hosts



**KRIBB**  
Korea Research Institute of  
Bioscience & Biotechnology



**KOREA ABS**  
RESEARCH CENTER

Sponsor



Ministry of Science and ICT