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# Japan's Activities to Implement ABS - A User Measure -

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## Implementation of **CBD-ABS** in Japan

- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (**METI**) is a Competent National Authority for ABS.
- Japan Bioindustry Association (**JBA**) has been implementing CBD-ABS on behalf of METI, since 1993.

# Dissemination of The Bonn Guidelines on ABS

**In 2002 and 2003:**

**JBA's public seminars for users of  
genetic resources and TK  
in major cities in Japan.**

## Lessons learned

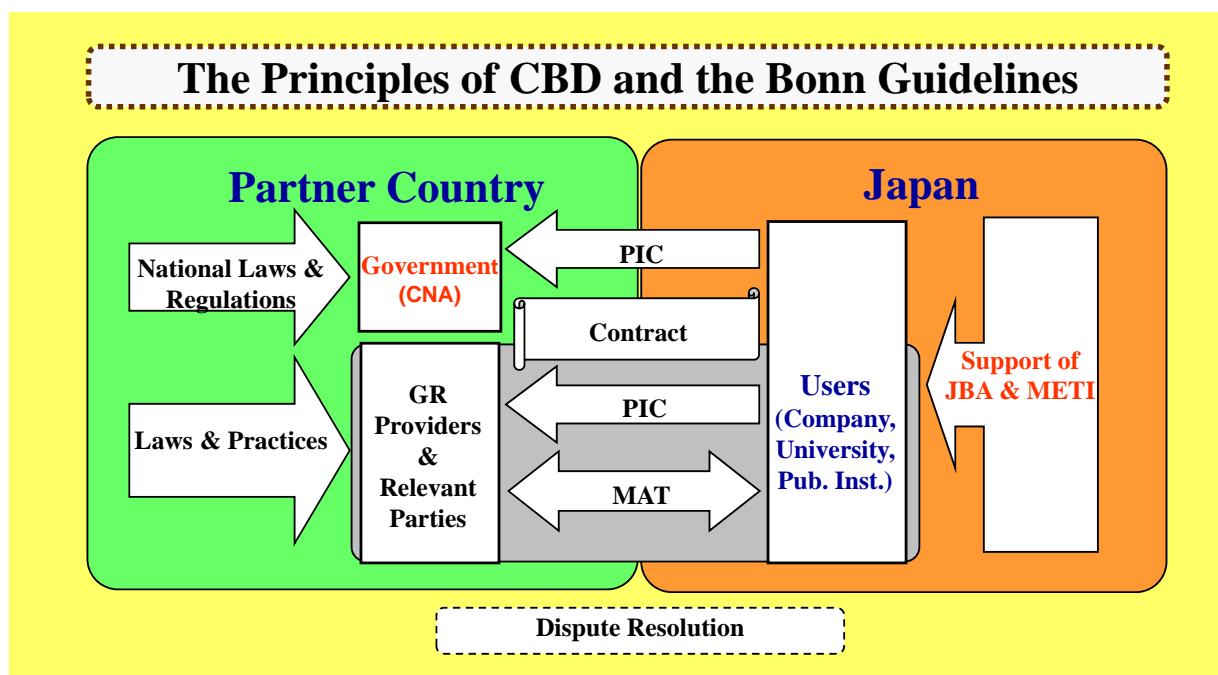
- **Users want more specific, clear-cut and user-friendly guidelines”**
- **Providing ‘practical tools’ is crucial for effective implementation of ABS.**

# METI & JBA Developed:

## ‘Japan’s Guidelines on ABS for Users’

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### Structure of the Guidelines on ABS for Users in Japan



## **METI-JBA's Services for Users**

### **1. Specialized Website (<http://mabs.jp/>) :**

**To provide information on CBD-related laws & regulations of providing countries**

### **2. Help Desk:**

**Consultations on a confidential and free-of-charge basis. (More than **130 cases** so far).**

## **METI-JBA Services for Users, Cont'd**

### **3. Bilateral Workshops for information exchange**

- Invite CBD-officials of providing countries to Japan: presentation of their national policy, laws and regulations**
- Promote partnership development**

**A Case Study:**

**Nimura Genetic Solutions  
and FRIM (Malaysia)**