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GNLU Center for Environmental Law concluded one day workshop on “Role of Legal Stakeholders in Strengthening and Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act with Special Focus on ABS Provisions”

The Center for Environmental Law of Gujarat National Law University, along with the United Nations Environmental Program, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Gujarat Biodiversity Board, National Biodiversity Authority and Global Environmental Facility organized a capacity-building workshop on ‘Role of Legal Stakeholders in Strengthening and Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act with Special Focus on ABS Provisions’ on 27th September 2014 at the University’s campus.

The occasion was graced and inaugurated by Dr. J.A. Khan, PCCF and Chairman, Gujarat Biodiversity Board. Dr. Thomas Mathew, Registrar of Gujarat National University welcomed the participants to the Workshop. Dr. Khan in his address, highlighted the importance of Biodiversity and gave a brief introduction of the Gujarat Biodiversity Board and also informed the gathering about the different important species and biodiversity of Gujarat. Dr. A.P. Singh, Member Secretary, Gujarat Biodiversity Board in an exclusive session on Biodiversity, spoke on the intricacies and the legal challenges that the Biodiversity Board meets day in and day out towards the protection of Biodiversity of Gujarat. Dr. Aeshita Mukherjee-Wilske, State Coordinator, UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project, informed the participants about the practical aspects of Access and Benefit Sharing mechanism under Biodiversity Act and also the problems that they face in dealing with this. Mr. Jayadeepsinh Vaghela, Advocate, Gujarat High Court, also enlightened the participants with his views on Biodiversity Conservation. The legal perspective, issues and challenges for implementation of the Biodiversity Act, 2002 were dealt by Prof. Dr. Shobhalata Udupudi.

The workshop saw a hearty interaction from persons belonging to various disciplines, and the event concluded with a panel discussion that left the audience enriched with more clarity on the subject.

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