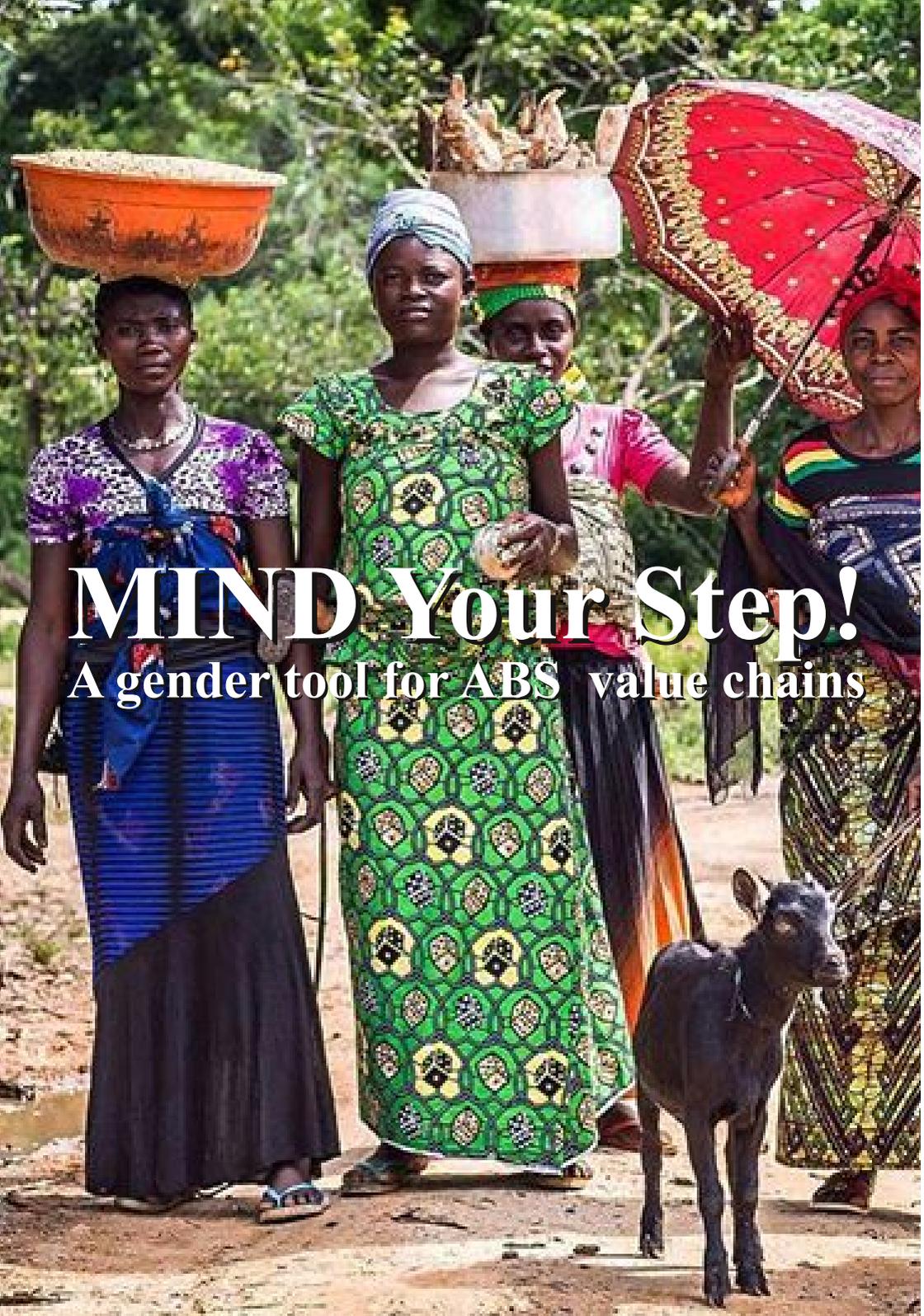


# MAINSTREAMING GENDER INTO ABS VALUE CHAINS GENDER TOOLKIT



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# MIND Your Step!

A gender tool for ABS value chains







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# ABOUT THIS TOOLKIT



The UNDP-GEF Global Project on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits derived from their utilization (ABS) is a 3 year project that supports the full implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in 23 countries. The global project team developed a gender tool to support ABS country teams in their efforts to mainstreaming gender considerations into their interventions. The gender tool was

designed with the idea of prototyping a user-friendly, low-cost and rapidly actionable analytical framework to understand the underlying gender dynamics within a given context applicable to genetic resources management and associated traditional knowledge and identify entry points to design gender smart and ABS value chains.

While the tool in itself is not a substitute to a fully fleshed gender analysis, it provides an immediate answer and a complementary shortcut for ABS professionals to get gender issues right in Access and Benefit Sharing under the Nagoya Protocol. Also, the tool can be further adapted to answer the needs of other sector specific interventions in the fields of biodiversity and natural resources management and beyond.

The prototyping phase of the MIND Your Step! Gender Tool took place from June to August 2018, followed by a trial phase conducted between August and November 2018 where the gender tool was tested on pilot case studies. The results of these studies were discussed at the 14th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP14) in Egypt in November 2018.



This Toolkit features the MIND Your Step! Gender Tool, case studies, key findings and practical recommendations. It provides a good foundation for quality assurance and a rigorous methodology to build national capacities and strengthen ownership during

the dissemination phase. The tool will guide ABS country teams and other development professionals in their journey to mainstream gender considerations into various ABS interventions.

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