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Research Project Team: **"The Sovereign Rights of Developing Countries Over Their Biological Resources and the Traditional Knowledge Related to Them in Light of the Legal Protection Granted to Biotechnological Inventions"**

Organizes a Study Day

via Google Meet

Legal Mechanisms for the Protection of Biodiversity in Developing Countries

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The Issue of the Study Day

Biodiversity around the world is facing increasing threats due to escalating environmental pressures and accelerated human activities, which range from the overexploitation of natural resources, climate change, pollution, and urban expansion, to the spread of invasive species. Developing countries are among the most affected, despite being among the richest regions in biodiversity, which highlights the need for an effective and balanced legal framework to safeguard this vital natural heritage.

The international community has established a set of international agreements and global declarations aimed at conserving biodiversity, most notably the **Convention on Biological Diversity (1992)**, in addition to the **Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety** and the **Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing**, which impose multiple obligations on states to enhance the protection of genetic resources and the associated traditional knowledge.

However, developing countries, including Algeria, face several difficulties in fulfilling these obligations, due to economic constraints, weak institutional capacities, limited access to technology, and challenges related to national sovereignty over natural resources in the face of transboundary threats. There is a pressing need to strengthen national legislative frameworks, ensure the effectiveness of environmental governance mechanisms, and enhance international cooperation to ensure the sustainable use of biodiversity. The organization of this study day comes within the context of growing interest in these issues and aims to shed light on the **legal mechanisms available to protect biodiversity in developing countries**, while identifying the challenges facing their implementation and proposing solutions capable of strengthening effective legal protection.

Problematic:

To what extent are the national and international legal mechanisms adopted to protect biodiversity in developing countries effective, in light of the economic, institutional, and technological challenges these countries face?

And what are the appropriate means to enhance the effectiveness of these mechanisms and ensure the sustainable use of biological resources in a way that balances conservation requirements with development needs?

Objectives

- Analyze the international and regional legal framework for biodiversity protection.
- Diagnose the status of national legislation in developing countries and its compatibility with international obligations.
- Highlight the practical challenges (economic, technical, institutional) that hinder legal protection efforts.
- Discuss the role of traditional knowledge and local communities in biodiversity conservation.

- Explore mechanisms of international cooperation and technology transfer to support biodiversity protection in developing countries.
- Propose legal and institutional recommendations to strengthen national legislation and ensure the sustainable use of biological resources.
- Promote scientific dialogue and exchange of experiences among researchers and practitioners in the field.

Conference Topics:

Topic 1 : The International and Regional Legal Framework for Biodiversity Protection

- International agreements and obligations (CBD, Cartagena Protocol, Nagoya Protocol)
- Legal commitments of developing countries

Topic 2 : National Legislation and Biodiversity Protection in Developing Countries

- Compatibility of national laws with international obligations
- The role of national institutions and administrative mechanisms

Topic 3 : Practical Challenges to Biodiversity Protection in Developing Countries

- Economic, technological, and institutional challenges
- Protection of traditional knowledge and benefit-sharing mechanisms

Topic 4 : Prospects for Strengthening Legal Mechanisms and National Policies

- Proposals to enhance national legislation and governance
- International cooperation and technology transfer to promote sustainable use of biological resources

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Participation Requirements:

- The paper must not have been previously published or presented at other scientific conferences.
- The paper's topic must be related to one of the conference themes.
- The paper must meet the criteria of scientific research.
- The paper should not exceed 20 pages and should be no less than 10 pages.
- Use Simplified Arabic font, size 14 for the main text, and size 12 for the footnotes.
- Footnotes should be placed at the bottom of each page.
- Papers are accepted in Arabic, English, and French.
- The abstract must be written in both Arabic and English.
- Margins of 2.5 cm should be left at the top, bottom, right, and left, with 1.5 cm spacing between lines.

Important Dates:

Deadline for the submission of full papers: 30 May 2025

Notification date for accepted papers: 2 June 2025

Date of the study day: 11 June 2025

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