

**High-level Experts Meeting in Tokyo**  
**-Addressing the ABS Challenges in the Context of CBD**

# **Implementation of ABS Provisions: A Japanese Perspective**

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# **Scope of Presentation**

- 1. What is Japan Bioindustry Association(JBA)?**
- 2. Guidelines and ABS Implementation in Japan**
- 3. METI-JBA's Services for Users**
- 4. Lessons Learned**



## Japan Bioindustry Association

- A **nonprofit organization** dedicated to the promotion of bioscience, biotechnology and bioindustry in both Japan and the rest of the world.
- Created by the support of **industry, academia and government in 1942.**
- Only organization of its kind in Japan .
- **Members** : 225 major **companies** from diversified industrial sectors, 89 **public institutes** and 1,055 **individuals** from academia, industry and public sectors.

**Guidelines  
&  
ABS Implementation in Japan**

## **Implementation of ABS Provisions:**

- 1. Japan ratified **CBD** in 1993.**
- 2. Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (**METI**) is a National Competent Authority for ABS in Japan.**
- 3. **JBA** has been implementing CBD-related projects on behalf of METI since 1993.**

#### **4. The Bonn Guidelines (BG):**

**JBA implemented BG by public seminars in Japan's major cities in 2002 and 2003.**

#### **5. Users' Response to BG:**

**“BG are too general for users. Guidelines should be more user-friendly”.**

#### **6. Need for User-specific Guidelines:**

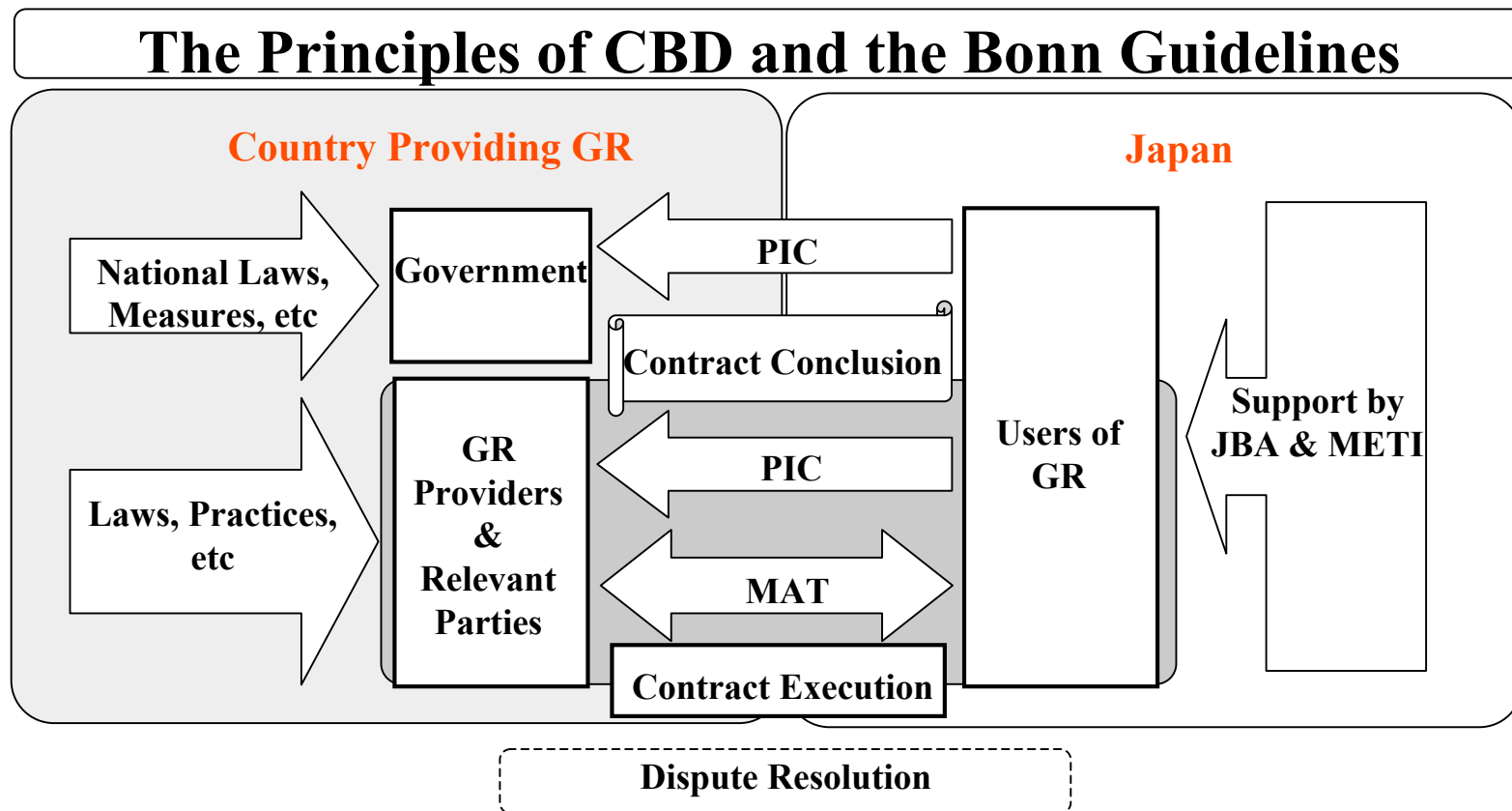
**METI & JBA decided to develop ‘User-specific guidelines’ on the basis of CBD and BG.**

**METI & JBA developed:**

**‘The Guidelines on ABS  
for Users in Japan’**

**Published on 1 April 2005,  
Disseminated by Public Seminars in Japan’s Major Cities,  
Translated into English in February 2006.**

# Structure of the Guidelines on ABS for Users in Japan





# Target Users:

**Industry  
&  
Academia**

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

## **1. Information Service:**

**Specialized Website for CBD-related Laws  
& Regulation in Overseas Countries  
(<http://mabs.jp/>)**

## **2. Help Desk:**

**Individual Meetings to Help Users Resolve  
Their Problems**

# **METI-JBA's Services for Users (Cont'd)**

## **3. Promotion of Partnership Development**

- **Fact-finding Visits to Providing Countries**

**(To meet national competent authorities, and collect information on policy and regulatory systems)**

- **Open Bilateral Workshops in Japan**

**Speakers: CBD officials from providing countries**

**Audience: Potential users from industry and academia**

# **Implementation of ABS Provisions: -Lessons learned-**

## **Pragmatism:**

**Providing ‘Practical Tools’ is  
as important as providing  
‘Principles’.**