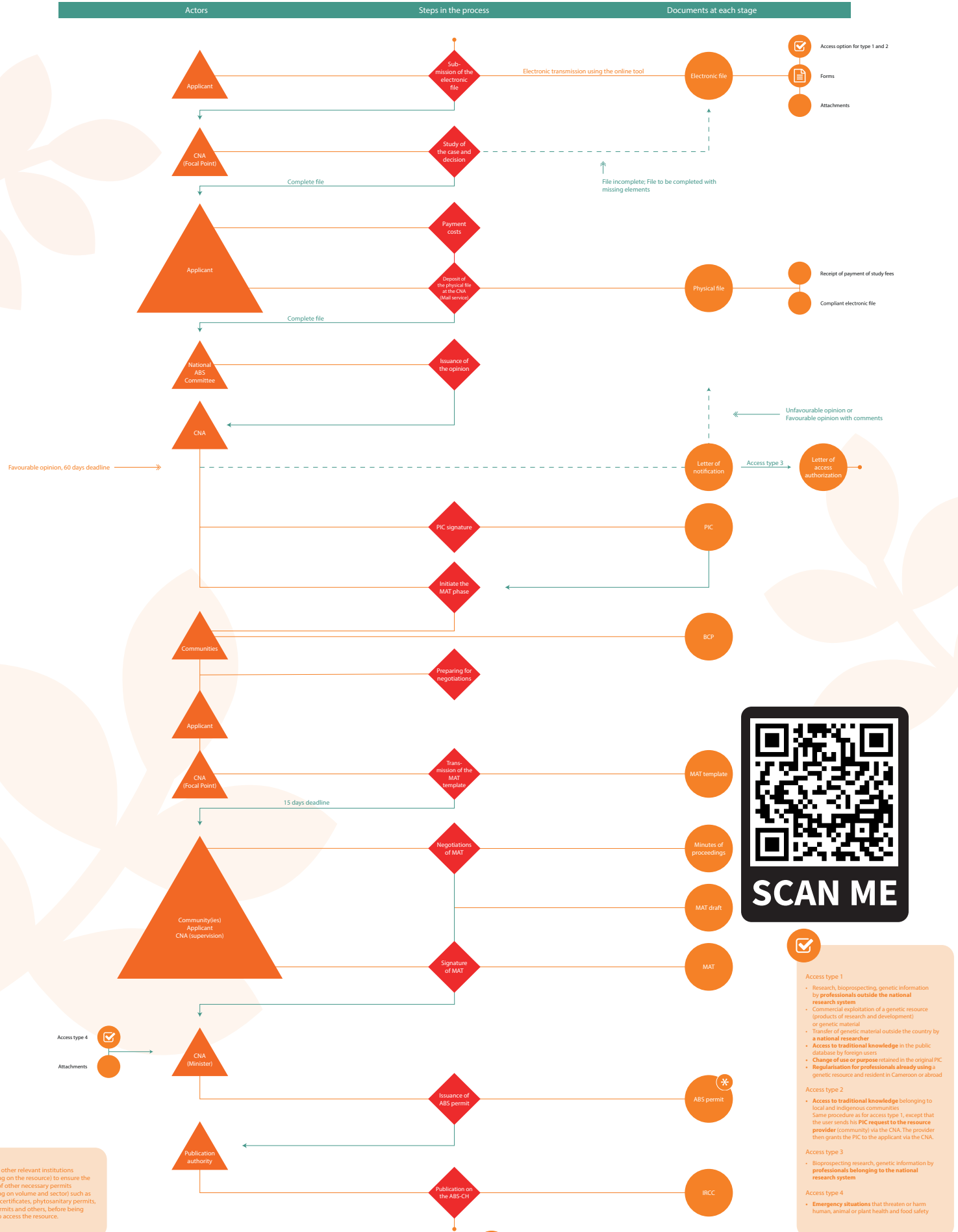


Procedure for access to genetic resources in Cameroon



- Access type 1**
- Research, bioprospecting, genetic information by professionals **outside the national research system**
 - Commercial exploitation of a genetic resource (products of research and development) or genetic material
 - Transfer of genetic material outside the country by a national researcher
 - Access to traditional knowledge in the public database by foreign users
 - Change of use or purpose retained in the original PIC
 - Regularisation for professionals already using a genetic resource and resident in Cameroon or abroad
- Access type 2**
- Access to traditional knowledge belonging to local and indigenous communities
 - Same procedure as for access type 1, except that the user sends his PIC request to the resource provider (community) via the CNA. The provider then grants the PIC to the applicant via the CNA.
- Access type 3**
- Bioprospecting research, genetic information by professionals **belonging to the national research system**
- Access type 4**
- Emergency situations that threaten or harm human, animal or plant health and food safety

Approach other relevant institutions (depending on the resource) to ensure the issuance of other necessary permits (depending on volume and sector) such as transport certificates, phytosanitary permits, export permits and others, before being allowed to access the resource.

Description of the symbols

- ▲ = institution
- ◆ = process
- = document

The lines

- = the elements go together
- = explanation
- = the previous element leads to the next
- = explanation
- - - = Answer from CNA

Glossary

- ABS-CH = ABS Clearinghouse
- CNA = Competent National Authority, in Cameroon MINEPDED
- ABS = Access and Benefit Sharing
- MAT = Mutually Agreed Terms
- PIC = Prior Informed Consent
- IRCC = Internationally Recognised Certificate of Compliance
- MINEPDED = Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development
- BCP = Biocultural Community Protocol

Documents attached to the application

- Stamped request addressed to the Minister of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development;
- Legalised photocopy of national identity card for nationals;
- Legalised photocopy of passport for foreigners;
- Legalised document for legal entities;
- Research permit obtained from the Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation;
- Detailed project document;
- Proof of status as a teacher-researcher or student in a Cameroonian university, if applicable;
- Receipt of payment of the study fees to the National Fund for the Environment and Sustainable Development.

If applicable

- Research permit obtained from the Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation;
- Material Transfer Agreement signed by the legal representatives of the institutions;
- Partnership agreement between academic institutions signed by the legal representatives of the institutions, if applicable;
- Ethical clearance obtained from the Ministry of Health.