



CBD decision-making process from COP to COP

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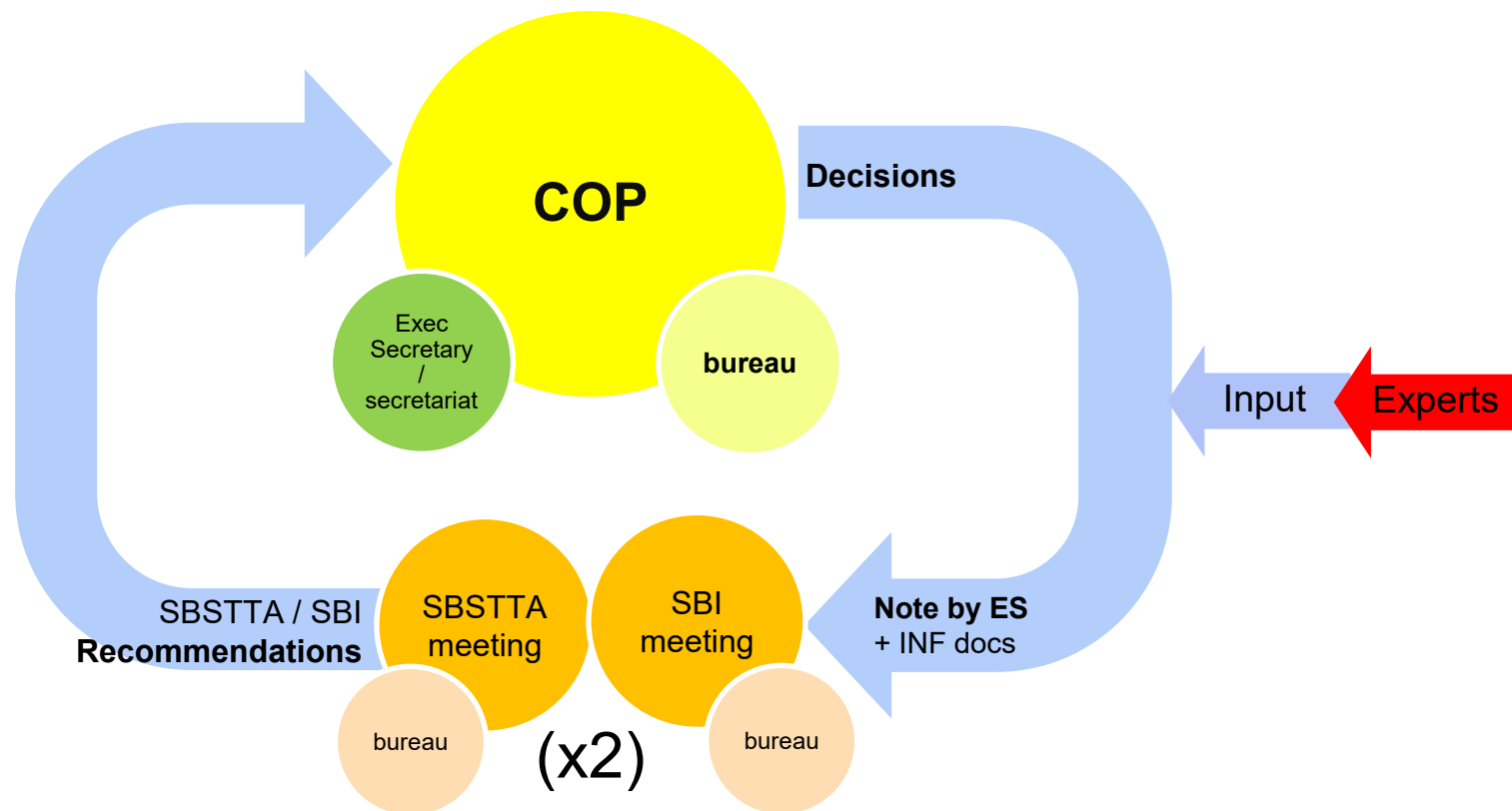
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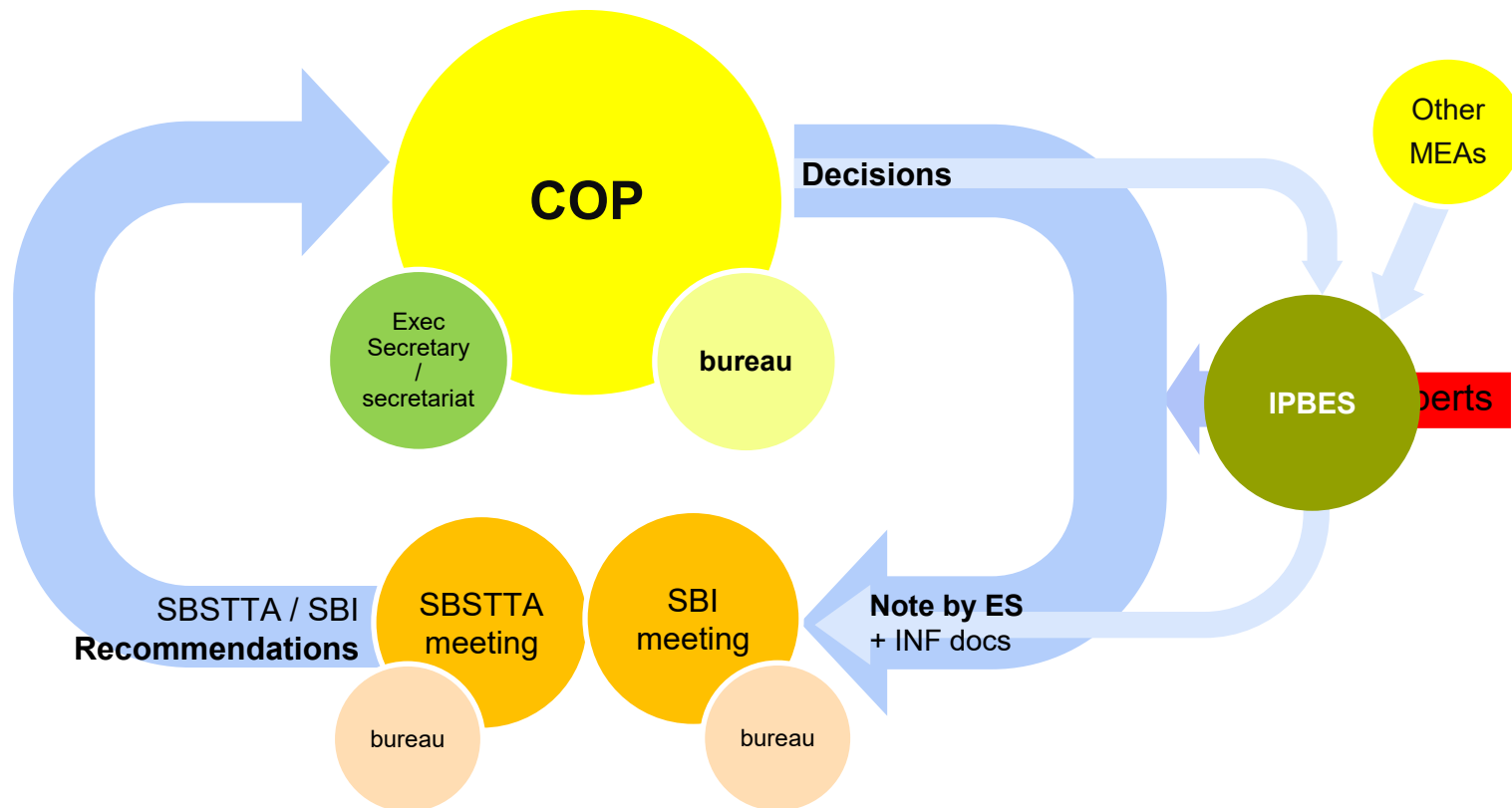
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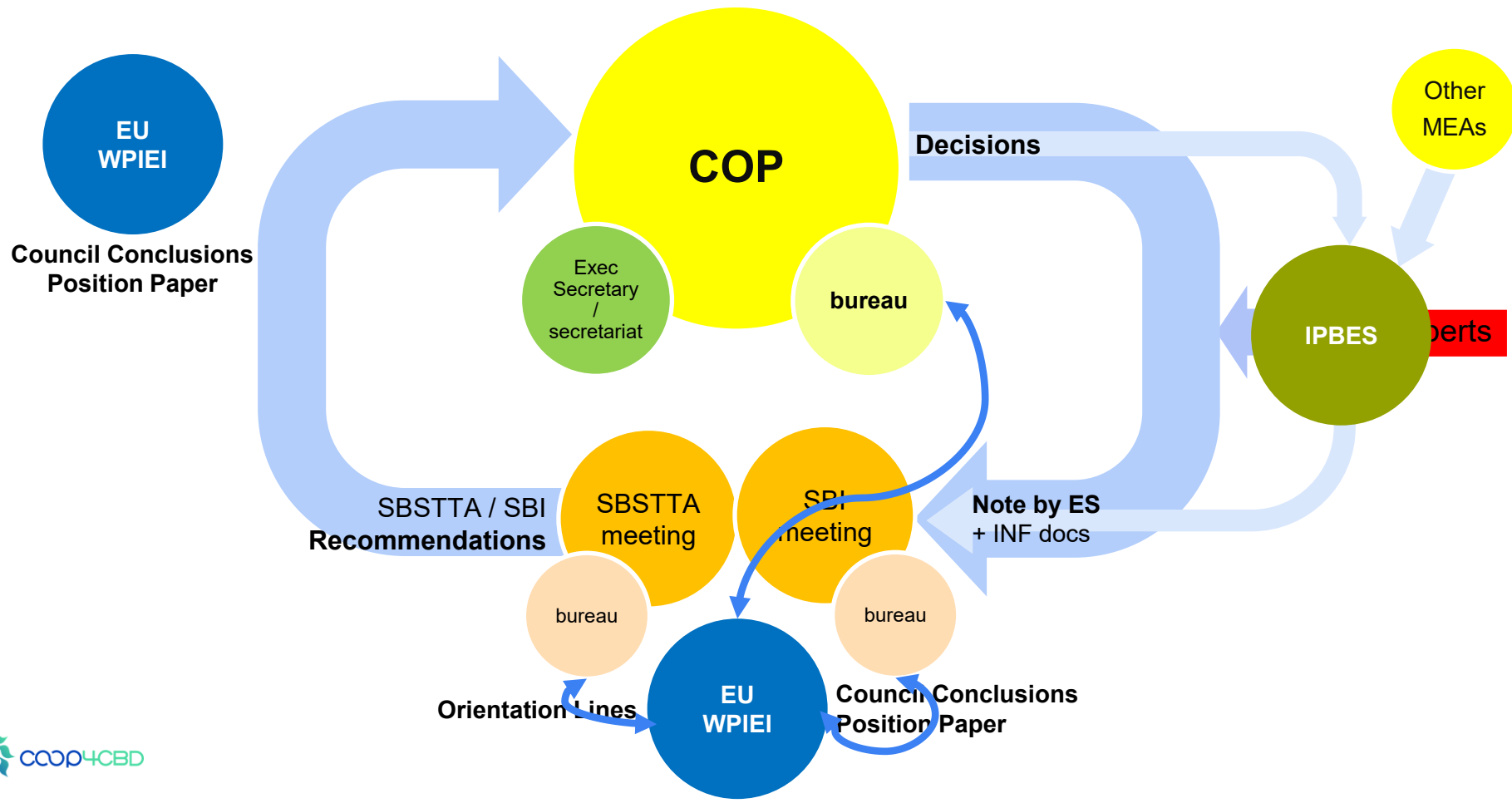
From COP to COP (I) – bodies, organisation of work



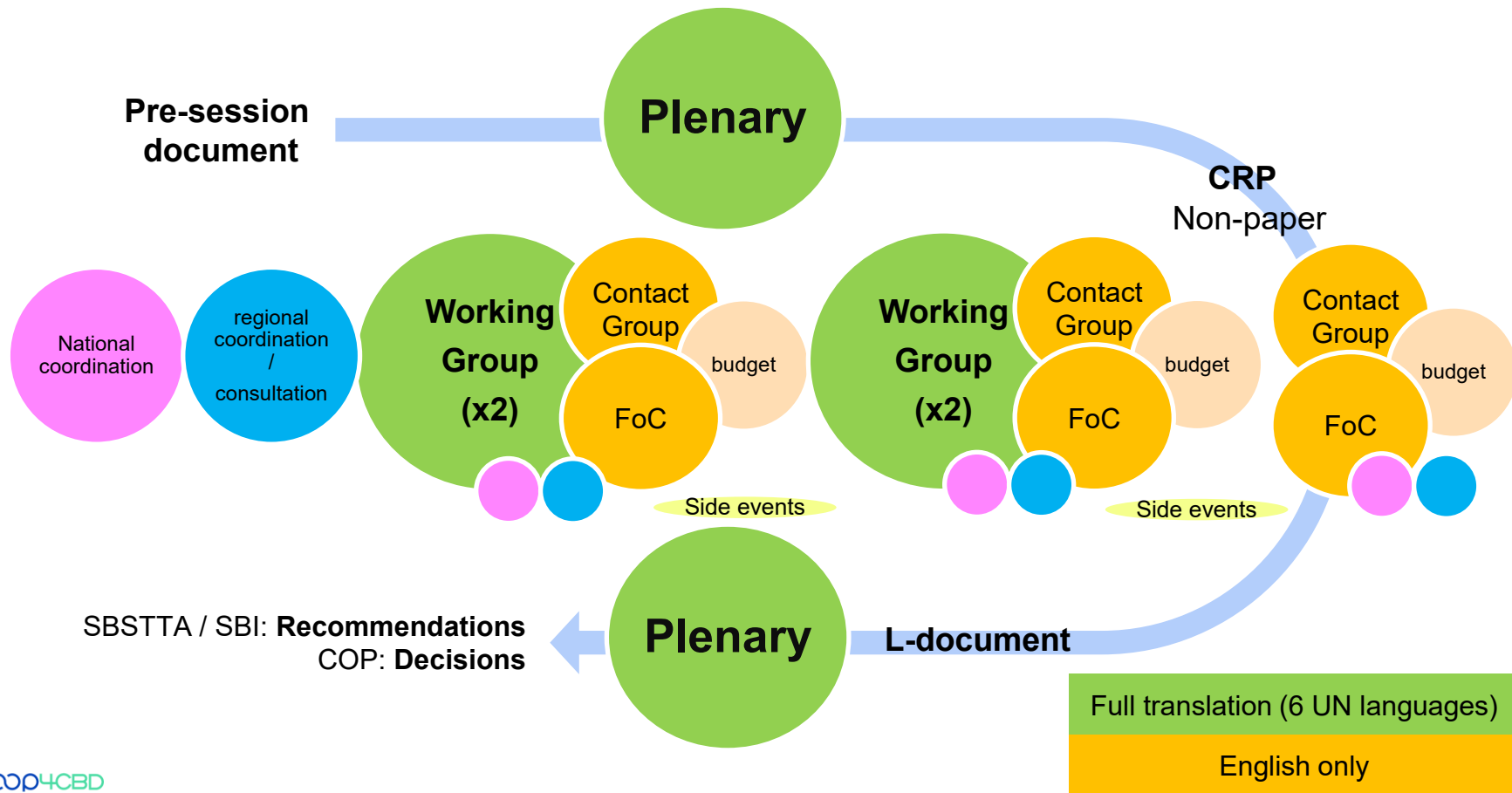
From COP to COP (I) – IPBES input



From COP to COP (I) – EU organisation



Dissection of a CBD meeting



Dissection of CBD decisions



Decisions consists of:

- Preambular paragraphs: clarifying context
- Introductory paragraphs: appreciation of previous activities
- Operational paragraphs: future activities, directed to:
 - Parties,
 - Other governments, stakeholders incl. IPLCs
 - Executive secretariat

Some frequently encountered wording:

- *As appropriate*: a Party has a discretion in determining whether action will be taken or not
- Encourages, invites vs requests: non-binding (Parties, others) vs binding (Parties, ES)
- *May – should – must – shall*: from weak to strong
- *Pending availability of resources*: depends on voluntary contribution
- *Take note of – welcome (with appreciation) – adopts*: from weak to strong, adopt: Parties will implement/execute

Thank you for your attention!

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