



# Understanding decision-making in the CBD process, priorities, pitfalls



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# CBD treaty and COP/COP-MOP decisions

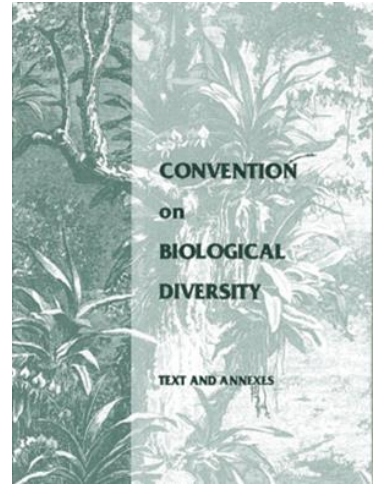
The *Convention on Biological Diversity* (CBD) is an **international legally-binding treaty** with three main goals: conservation of biological diversity; sustainable use of its components; and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

The convention includes two specific protocols that are **standalone legally binding agreements**:

- The *Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*: Governs the safe handling, transport and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology....
- The *Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization*: Establishes a legal framework for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources

Decisions by the Conference of the Parties (COP) and of those serving as Meetings of the Parties to the Protocols (COP-MOP) are not legally binding but are **politically binding commitments** that are crucial for interpreting and implementing the treaty.

Decisions by the COP and COP-MOPs are taken by **consensus among 196 Parties**, and within the broader framework of the three Rio Conventions and other Biodiversity-related conventions



# The rio conventions and the biodiversity-related conventions



Convention on  
Biological Diversity



United Nations  
Convention to Combat  
Desertification



United Nations  
Climate Change



Ramsar  
CONVENTION ON WETLANDS  
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)



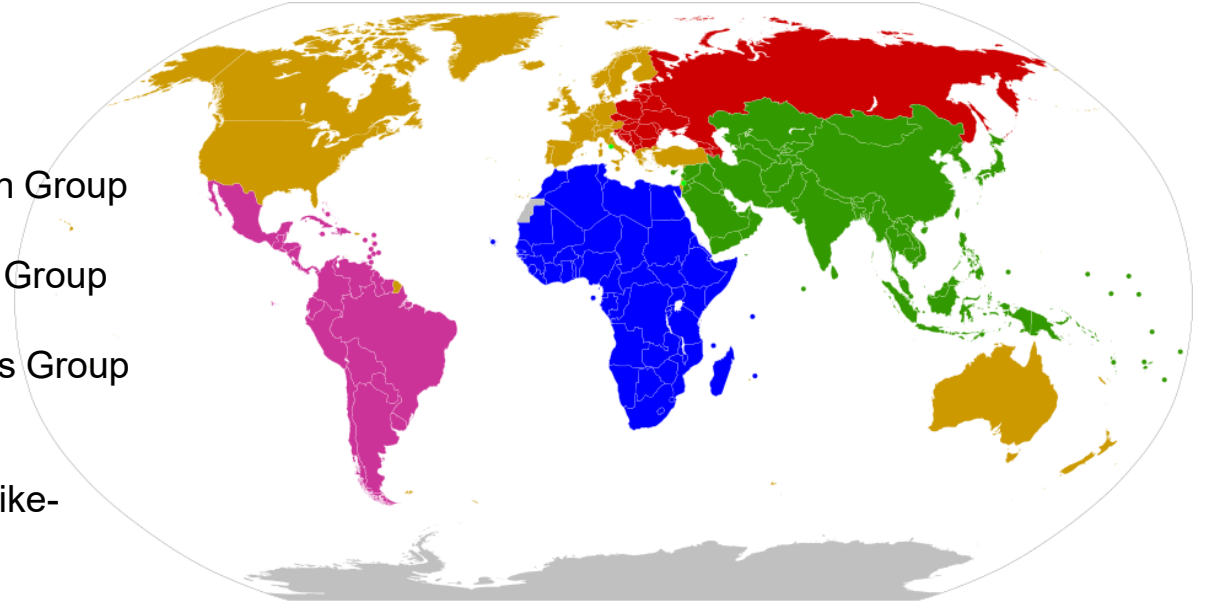
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# UN regional groups and the EU

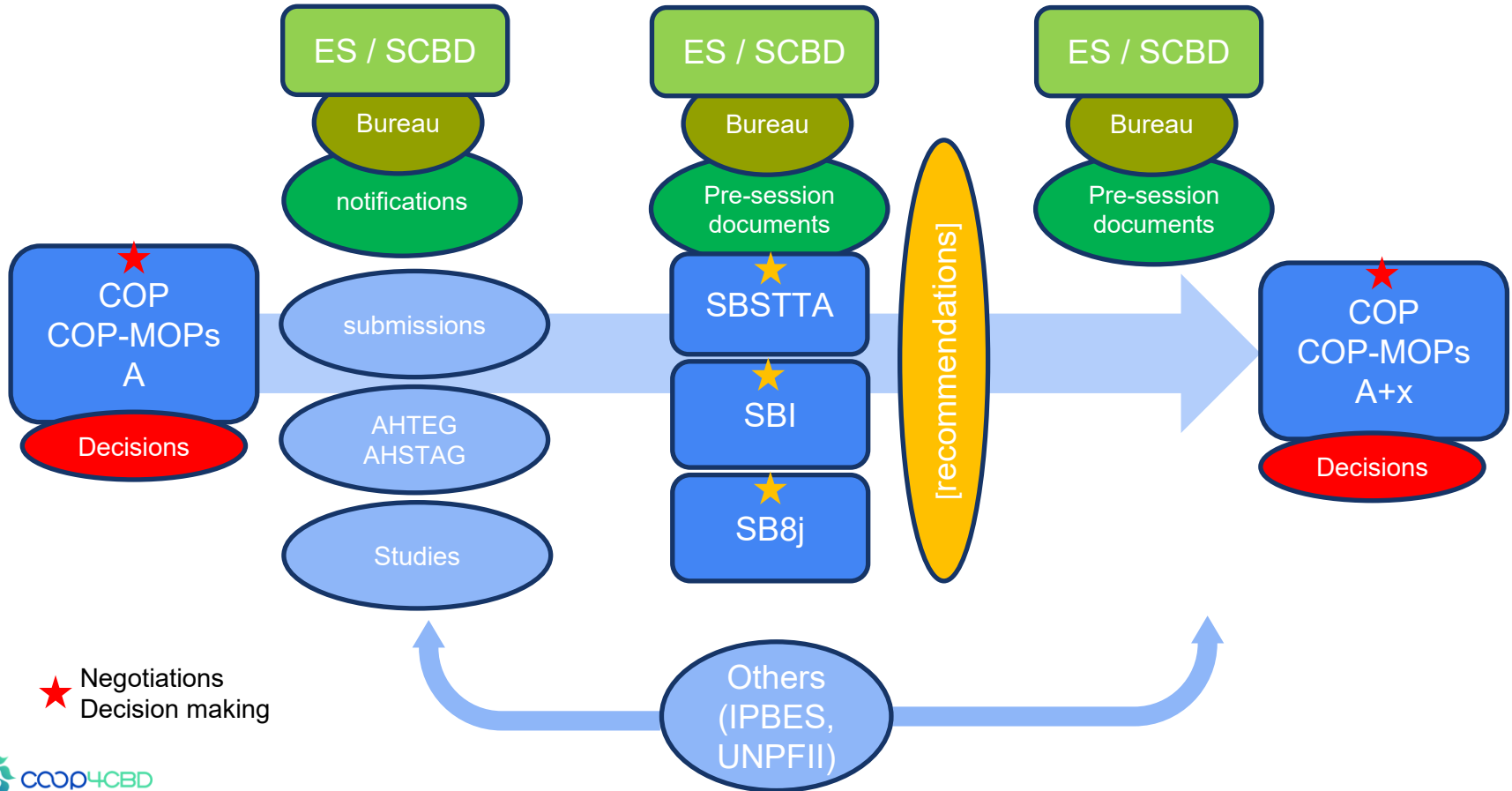
- African Group
- Asia and the Pacific Group
- Central and Eastern European Group (CEE)
- Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)
- Western European and Others Group (WEOG)

(G77+China, ((P)SI/LL/L)DS,...”Like-minded” groups)

EU: political agendas are **coordinated**,  
**consultation** on scientific agendas



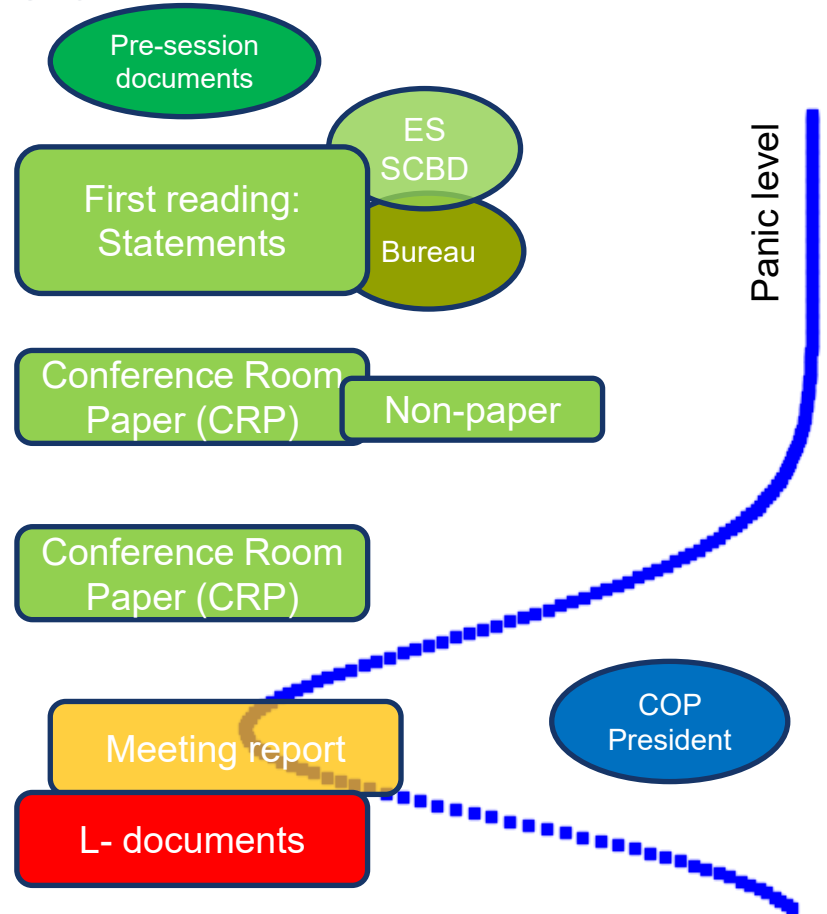
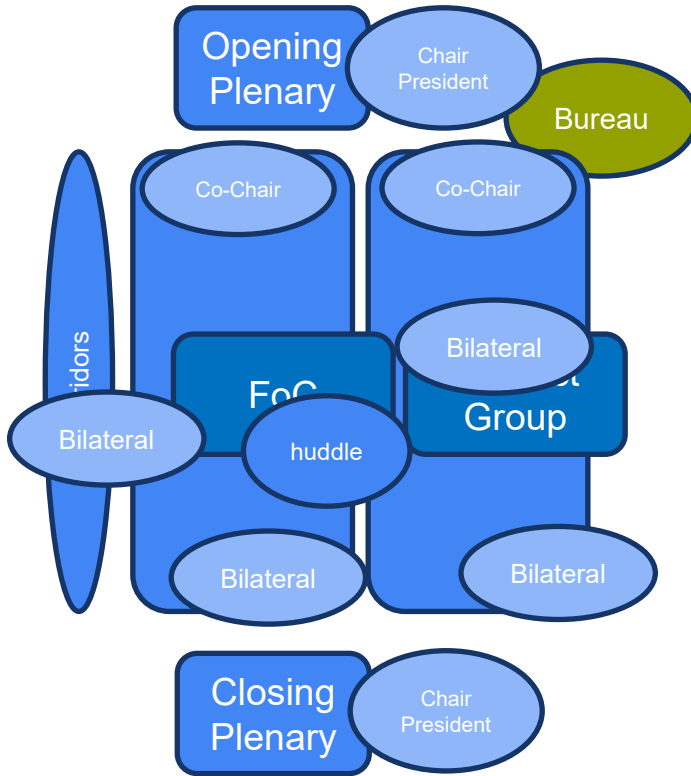
# Decision making in the CBD: from COP to COP



# Anatomy of a CBD negotiation session



First Day  
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 Last Day



# Decision making in the CBD: a balancing act between priorities & pitfalls

**The conservation  
of biological  
diversity**



**The fair and equitable  
sharing of the benefits  
arising out of the utilization  
of genetic resources (GR)**

**The sustainable use of the  
components of biological  
diversity**

## Topical issues - implementation

- Resource mobilization
- DSI and Cali fund (Synthetic Biology)
  
- PMRR
  - Global review of implementation
  - Monitoring framework for KMGBF

# Thank you for your attention!

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