



Why the CHM Matters and how to use it in national biodiversity policies ?

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Section 1. The Clearing House Mechanism in the context of the CBD



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Reminder

Article 18

“3. The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall determine **how to establish a clearing-house mechanism** to promote and facilitate **technical and scientific cooperationn.**”

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But, what is exactly Technical and Scientific Cooperation ?

Article 18. Technical and Scientific Cooperation

1. The Contracting Parties **shall promote international technical and scientific cooperation** in the field of conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, where necessary, through the appropriate international and national institutions.
2. Each Contracting Party shall promote technical and scientific cooperation with other Contracting Parties, in particular developing countries, in implementing this Convention, inter alia, through the development and implementation of national policies. In promoting such cooperation, special attention should be given to **the development and strengthening of national capabilities, by means of human resources development and institution building.**
3. The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall determine how to establish a **clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation.**
4. The Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with national legislation and policies, **encourage and develop methods of cooperation for the development and use of technologies, including indigenous and traditional technologies, in pursuance of the objectives of this Convention.** For this purpose, the Contracting Parties shall also promote cooperation in the **training of personnel and exchange of experts.**
5. The Contracting Parties shall, subject to mutual agreement, promote the establishment of **joint research programmes and joint ventures for the development of technologies relevant to the objectives of this Convention.**

Strengthening capabilities

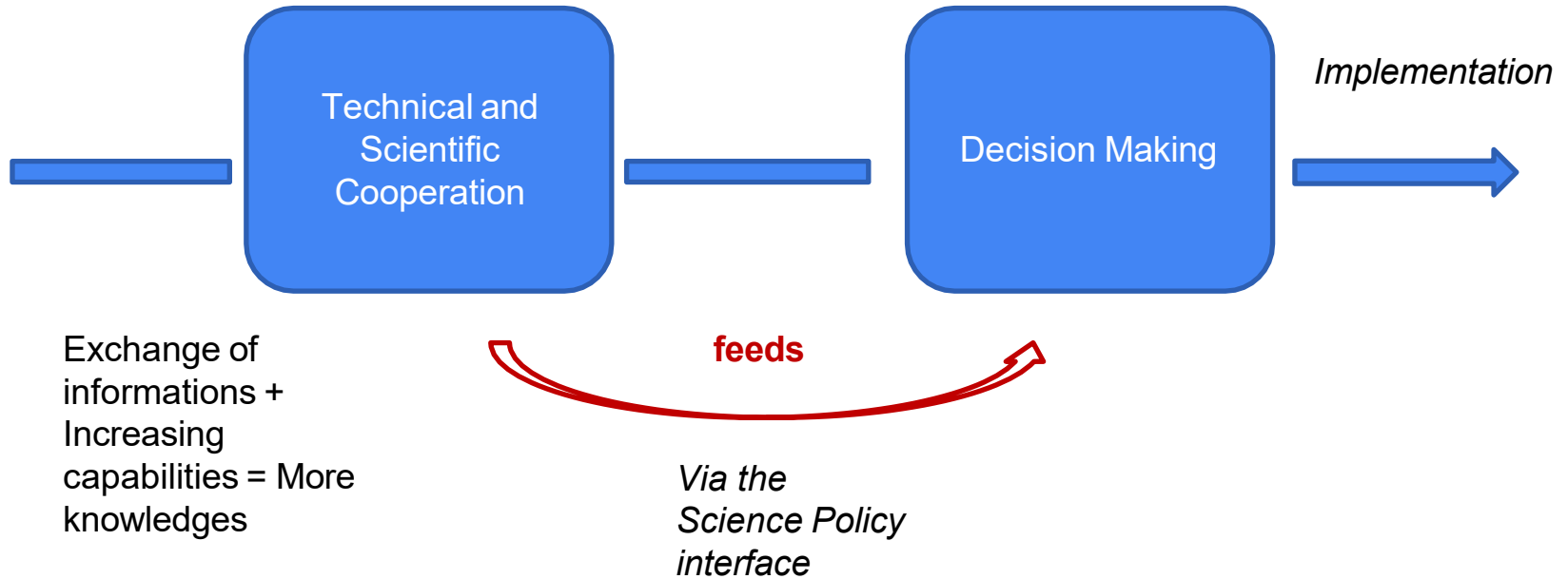
Establishing a CHM

Training of personnel and exchange of experts

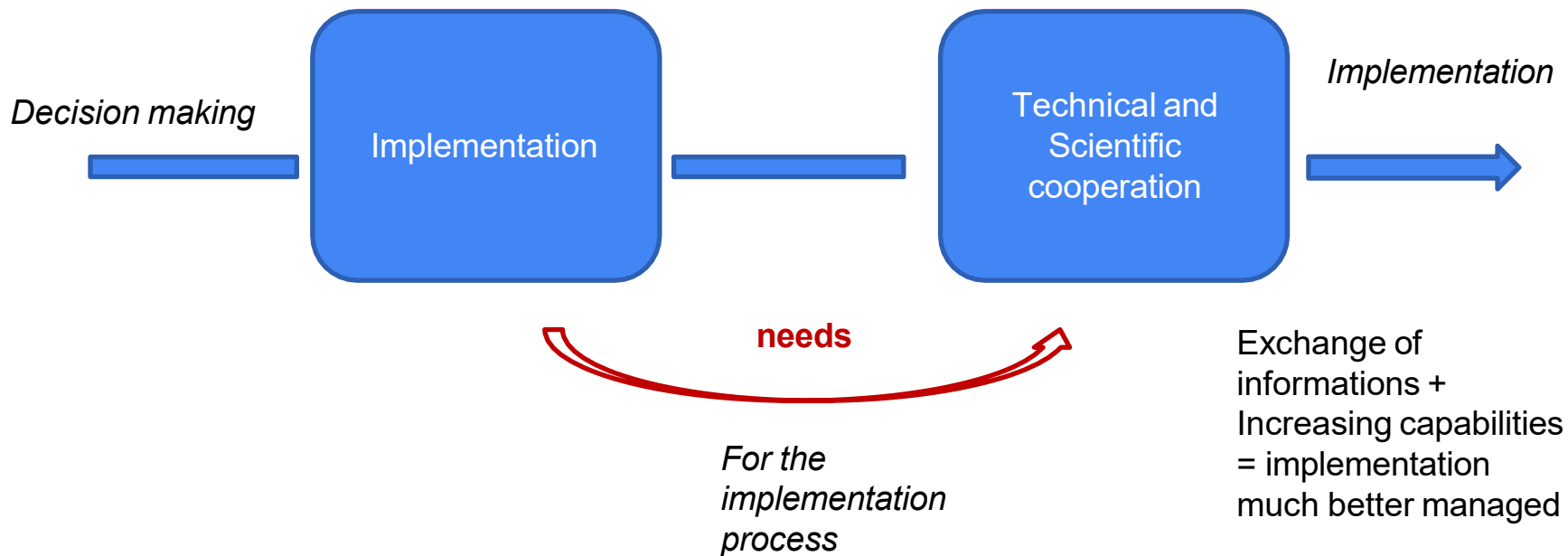
Joint research programme and development of technologies



What the role of TSC in the CBD process ?



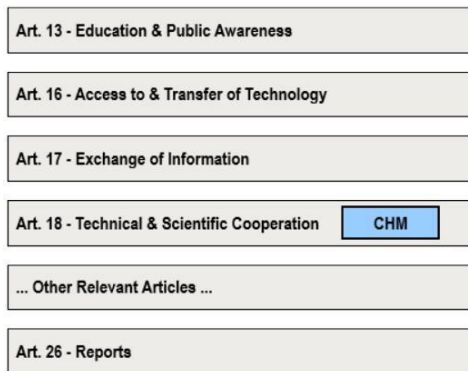
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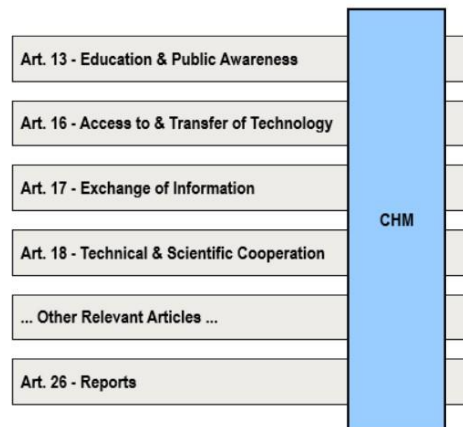
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Initial CHM Mandate



Expected CHM Mandate



CHM is crossing different type of activities

Olivier De Munck (former CBD CHM Officer), capacity building materials
Available at [Guidance \(cbd.int\)](https://www.cbd.int/guidance)

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Decision I/3 Clearing-House Mechanism and scientific cooperation

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AT ITS FIRST MEETING

**The CHM is the
central tool of the
TSC**

I/3. Clearing-house mechanism for technical and scientific cooperation

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Decides* to implement the provisions of Article 18, paragraph 3, of the Convention on the establishment of a clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, operating under the authority of the Conference of the Parties;

2. *Decides* also that the activities of the clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation should be funded from the regular budget of the Secretariat as well as from voluntary contributions, subject to decisions to be taken by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting, in the light of the study referred to in paragraph 3 of the present decision;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare, and report back to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting on, a comprehensive study, according to Article 18 of the Convention, containing concrete costed recommendations to assist the Conference of the Parties in the establishment of the clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, taking fully into account the views expressed at its first meeting and submitted to the Secretariat in writing before the end of February 1995, as well as the need to draw on all relevant existing institutional structures;

4. *Decides* also to include an item on this issue on the agenda of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Decision VIII/11

CHM strategic plan + Programme of Work 2005-2010

Goal 1: The clearing-house mechanism is promoting and facilitating technical and scientific cooperation.

- 1.1. The clearing-house mechanism contributes to the implementation of the Convention and particularly the achievement of the 2010 target.
- 1.2. The clearing-house mechanism facilitates the transfer of technology and technology cooperation.
- 1.3. The clearing-house mechanism facilitates cooperation among the three Rio conventions and other environmental agreements, organizations and initiatives.

Goal 2: The clearing-house mechanism is promoting and facilitating the exchange of information among Parties, other Governments and stakeholders.

- 2.1. The clearing-house mechanism makes information related to the Convention and Convention processes available via electronic and traditional means.
- 2.2. In collaboration with other relevant initiatives, organizations and partners, the clearing-house mechanism facilitates the access to and repatriation of information on biodiversity.
- 2.3. The clearing-house mechanism assists Parties and other Governments and relevant organizations in making data and information available in support of activities related to the implementation of the Convention and the achievement of the 2010 target.
- 2.4. The clearing-house mechanism contributes to the future technical development of the Biosafety Clearing-House established under paragraph 1 of Article 20 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
- 2.5. Parties have established effective mechanisms for facilitating the exchange of information, including as appropriate clearing-house mechanism websites which adhere to common formats, protocols and standards, including metadata standards, as recommended by the clearing-house mechanism.

Goal 3: The clearing-house mechanism is fully operational with participation of all Parties and an expanded network of partners

- 3.1. All Parties have established and are further developing clearing-house mechanisms.
- 3.2. Relevant partners participate in an expanded clearing-house mechanism network.
- 3.3. Parties have established and use effective mechanisms for facilitating scientific and technical cooperation, including thematic networks where appropriate in support of the implementation the Convention and the achievement of the 2010 target.
- 3.4. The clearing-house mechanism contributes to the development of the global communication, education and public awareness network.

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Decision X/15

Missions, goals
and objectives
for the CHM
2011-2020

MISSION

To contribute significantly to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, through effective information services and other appropriate means in order to promote and facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, knowledge sharing, and information exchange, and to establish a fully operational network of Parties and partners.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: The central clearing-house mechanism provides effective global information services to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

- 1.1. The CBD Secretariat has the capacity to sustain an effective central clearing-house mechanism.
- 1.2. A high-quality CBD website is available in all United Nations languages.
- 1.3. Effective information exchange services are fully operational.
- 1.4. The CBD Secretariat facilitates the development of a network of experts and practitioners among Parties and partners.
- 1.5. Guidance is available for Parties and partners to exchange information through the clearing-house mechanism network.

Goal 2: National clearing-house mechanisms provide effective information services to facilitate the implementation of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

- 2.1. All Parties have the capacity to sustain effective national clearing-house mechanisms.
- 2.2. High-quality national clearing-house mechanism websites are available.
- 2.3. National information is exchanged through the clearing-house mechanism network.
- 2.4. Parties collaborate and share knowledge through the clearing-house mechanism network.
- 2.5. Partners and the CBD Secretariat have contributed to the development of national clearing-house mechanisms.

Goal 3: Partners significantly expand the clearing-house mechanism network and services.

- 3.1. Partners can sustain their participation in the clearing-house mechanism.
- 3.2. High-quality regional and thematic clearing-house mechanism websites are available.
- 3.3. Partner information is exchanged through the clearing-house mechanism network.
- 3.4. Partners collaborate and share knowledge through the clearing-house mechanism network.

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Decision XV

New PoW for
the CHM 202
2030

2. The goals of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2024-2030 are the following:

(a) *Goal 1: to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation.* The clearing-house mechanism will strengthen processes and services to promote and facilitate equitable technical and scientific cooperation, including matchmaking initiatives, and the development and strengthening of national capacities, in line with the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development and in support of the work of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism;

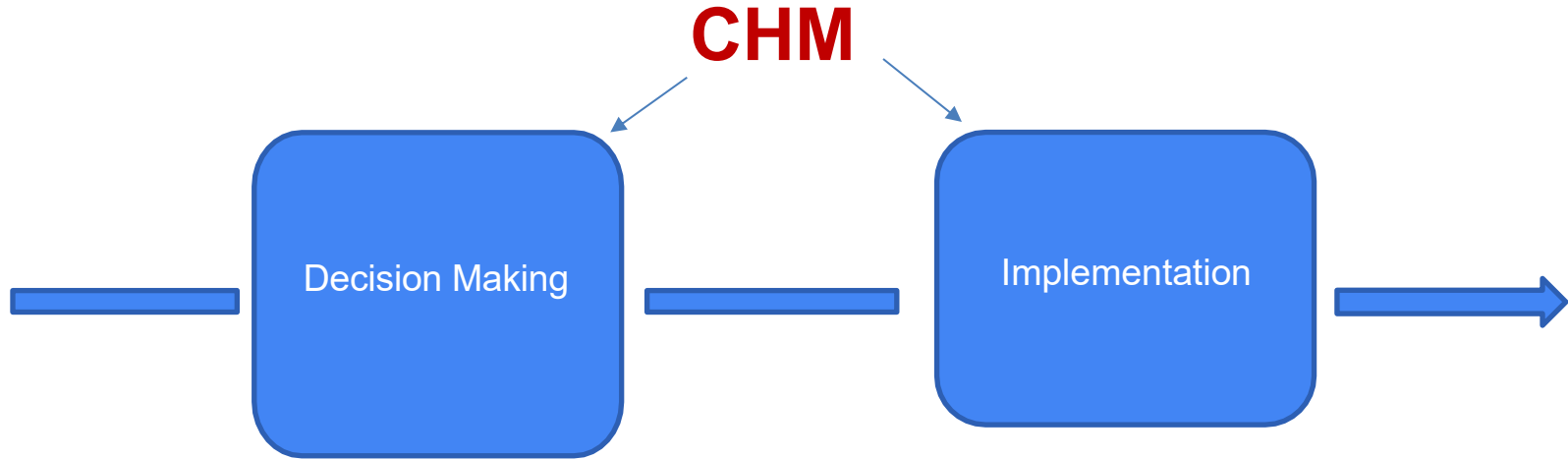
(b) *Goal 2: to facilitate the exchange of information.* The clearing-house mechanism will enable sustained and structured access to and exchange of data, information and knowledge through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism and across global, regional, subregional, national and thematic information networks and the clearing houses, in line with the knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Framework;



(c) *Goal 3: to support planning, monitoring, reporting and review.* The clearing-house mechanism will provide tools and strengthen processes and the national clearing-house mechanisms to support and facilitate the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the enhanced approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;

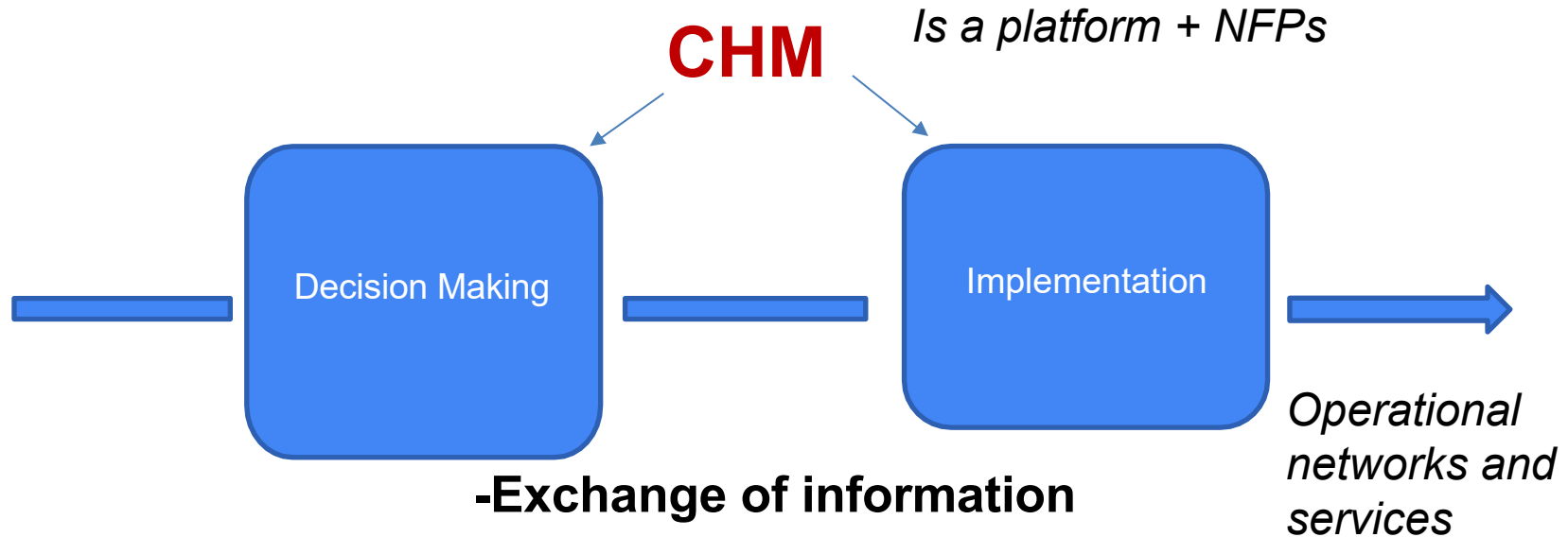
(d) *Goal 4: to facilitate networking and collaboration among Parties and partners.* The clearing-house mechanism will facilitate cross-sectoral interactions, networking, the sharing of expertise and exchanges among Parties, partner organizations, indigenous peoples and local

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- Exchange of information
- connecting stakeholders
- capacity building
(matchmaking)
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The TSCCs are reinforcing those aspects

Section 2. How to use it in your national biodiversity policies



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Implementation

The implementation activities of the Clearing-House Mechanism has been guided by the Conference of the Parties.

The Clearing House Mechanism consists of the following components:

- The CBD website, acting as the central node.
- The network of national Clearing-House Mechanisms.
- Various partner institutions.

In fact, what we call the CHM is the Central Website (comprising the BioBridge Initiative Platform, the ORT...)

+ the national websites, the national focal point...

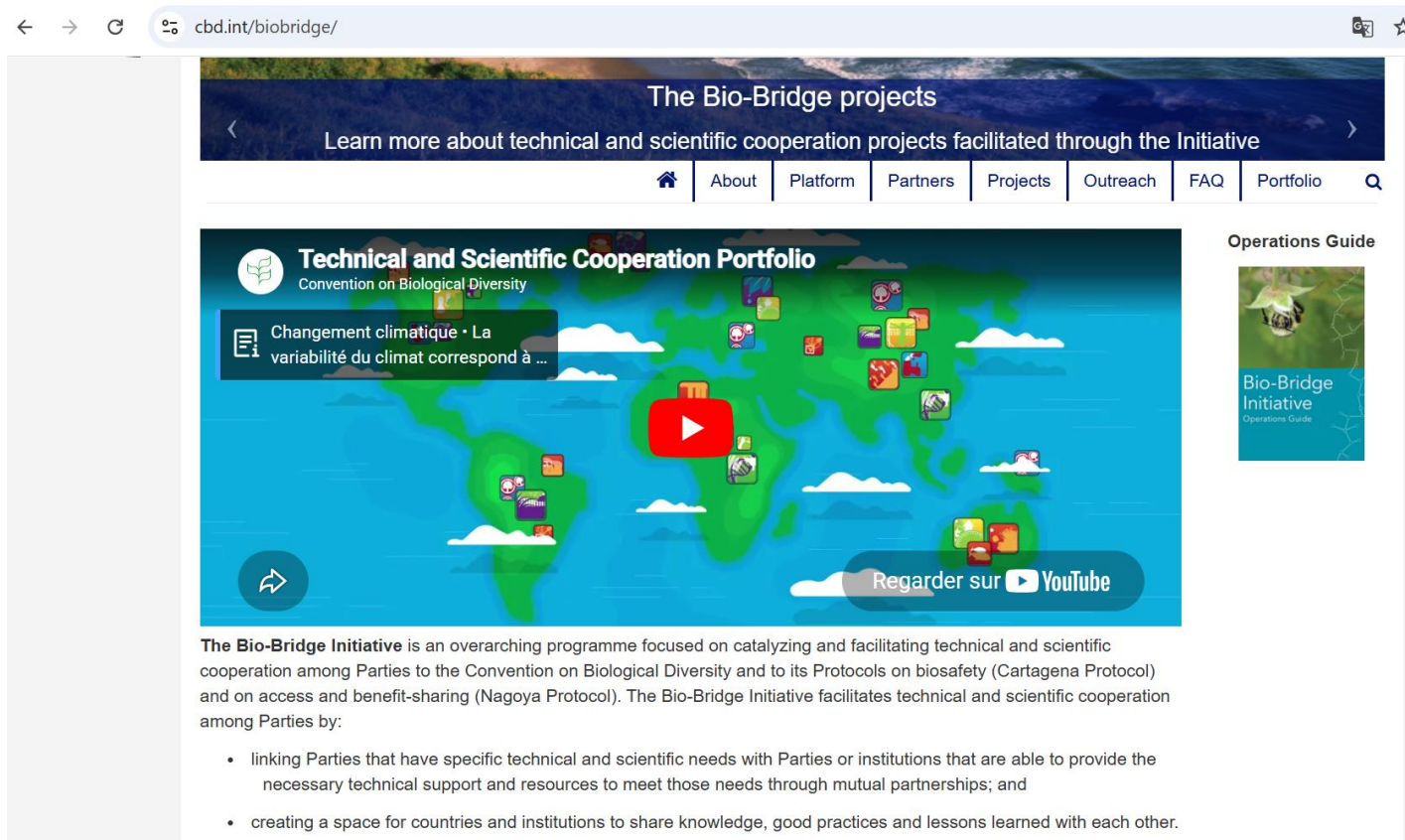
How to use the CHM in your national policies ?

Main services provided by the Central CHM :
-All the information you need about the CBD and its process

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with 'INFORMATION' and 'ABOUT THE SECRETARIAT' on the left, and a search icon on the right. Below the navigation bar is the logo for the 'Convention on Biological Diversity' with the tagline 'Convention on Biological Diversity'. To the right of the logo are links for 'BIODIVERSITY CONVENTION', 'CARTAGENA PROTOCOL', 'NAGOYA PROTOCOL', 'COUNTRIES', and 'PROGRAMMES'. The main content area features a large banner for the 'UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE 2026: TAKING ACTION FOR NATURE IN YEREVAN'. The banner text states: 'The UN 2026 Biodiversity Conference, including COP17, CP-MOP12 and NP-MOP6, will take place from 19 to 30 October 2026 in Yerevan, Armenia. The conference will provide an opportunity to review collective progress towards the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for the first time. Click here to access the dedicated meeting webpage, including information on registration and related events.' On the left side of the banner, there is a vertical menu with icons and text: 'Global Biodiversity Framework', 'Topics', 'Processes and Meetings', 'Cooperation and Partnerships', and 'News and Stories'. At the bottom left of the banner is the URL 'https://www.cbd.int' and at the bottom right are navigation arrows.

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Main services provided by the Central CHM :
-A matchmaking platform



The screenshot shows the website cbd.int/biobridge/. The main heading is "The Bio-Bridge projects" with a sub-heading "Learn more about technical and scientific cooperation projects facilitated through the Initiative". A navigation menu includes "About", "Platform", "Partners", "Projects", "Outreach", "FAQ", and "Portfolio". The main content area features a "Technical and Scientific Cooperation Portfolio" section with a world map displaying various project icons. A text box on the map reads "Changement climatique - La variabilité du climat correspond à ...". A "Regarder sur YouTube" button is visible at the bottom right of the map. To the right of the map is an "Operations Guide" section with a book cover titled "Bio-Bridge Initiative Operations Guide".

The Bio-Bridge Initiative is an overarching programme focused on catalyzing and facilitating technical and scientific cooperation among Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and to its Protocols on biosafety (Cartagena Protocol) and on access and benefit-sharing (Nagoya Protocol). The Bio-Bridge Initiative facilitates technical and scientific cooperation among Parties by:

- linking Parties that have specific technical and scientific needs with Parties or institutions that are able to provide the necessary technical support and resources to meet those needs through mutual partnerships; and
- creating a space for countries and institutions to share knowledge, good practices and lessons learned with each other.

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-A reporting platform

CHM - ORT

CHM Dashboard National Targets 7th National Report National users Taxonomy Help English Sign in

CHM / ORT Take a tour (Dashboard)

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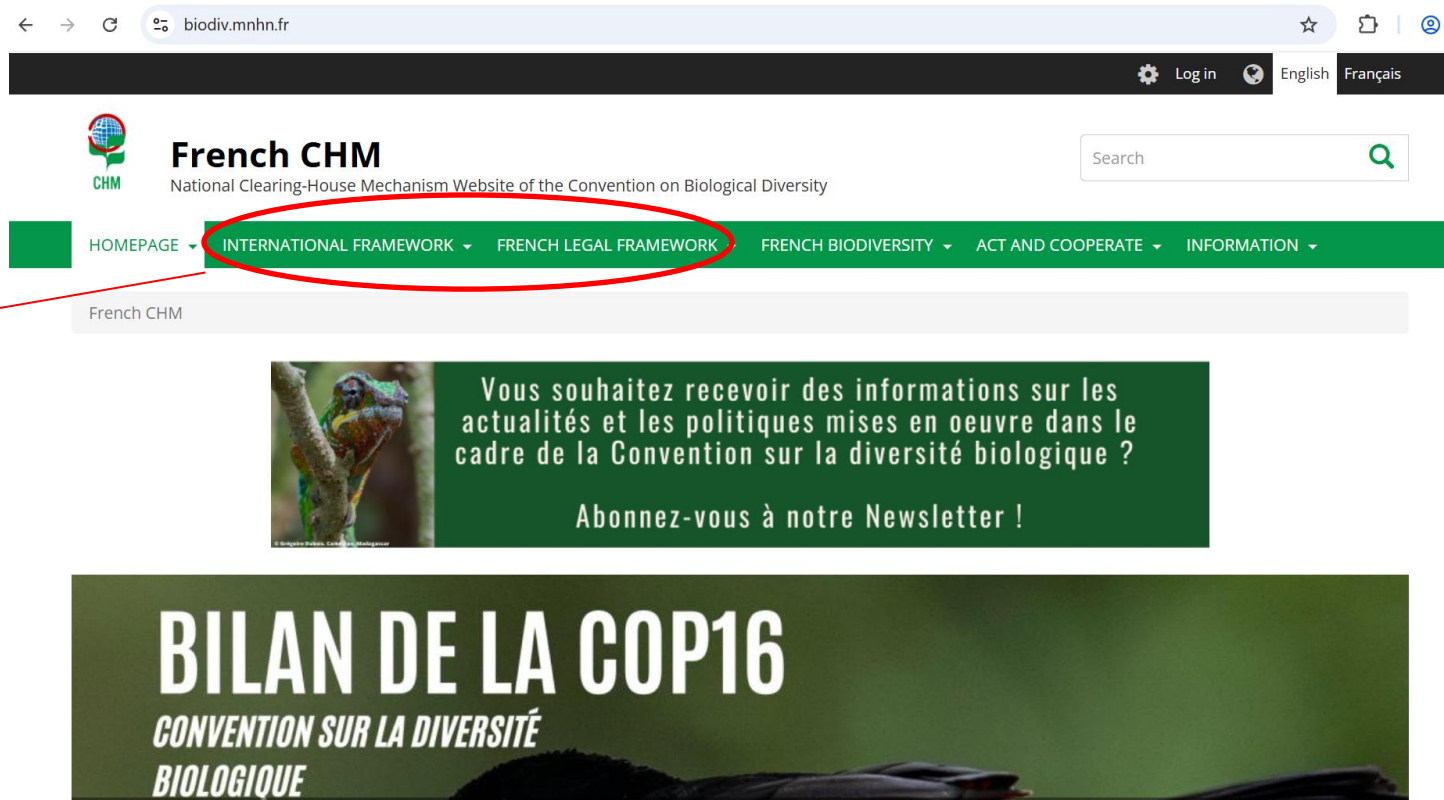
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A national platform ?



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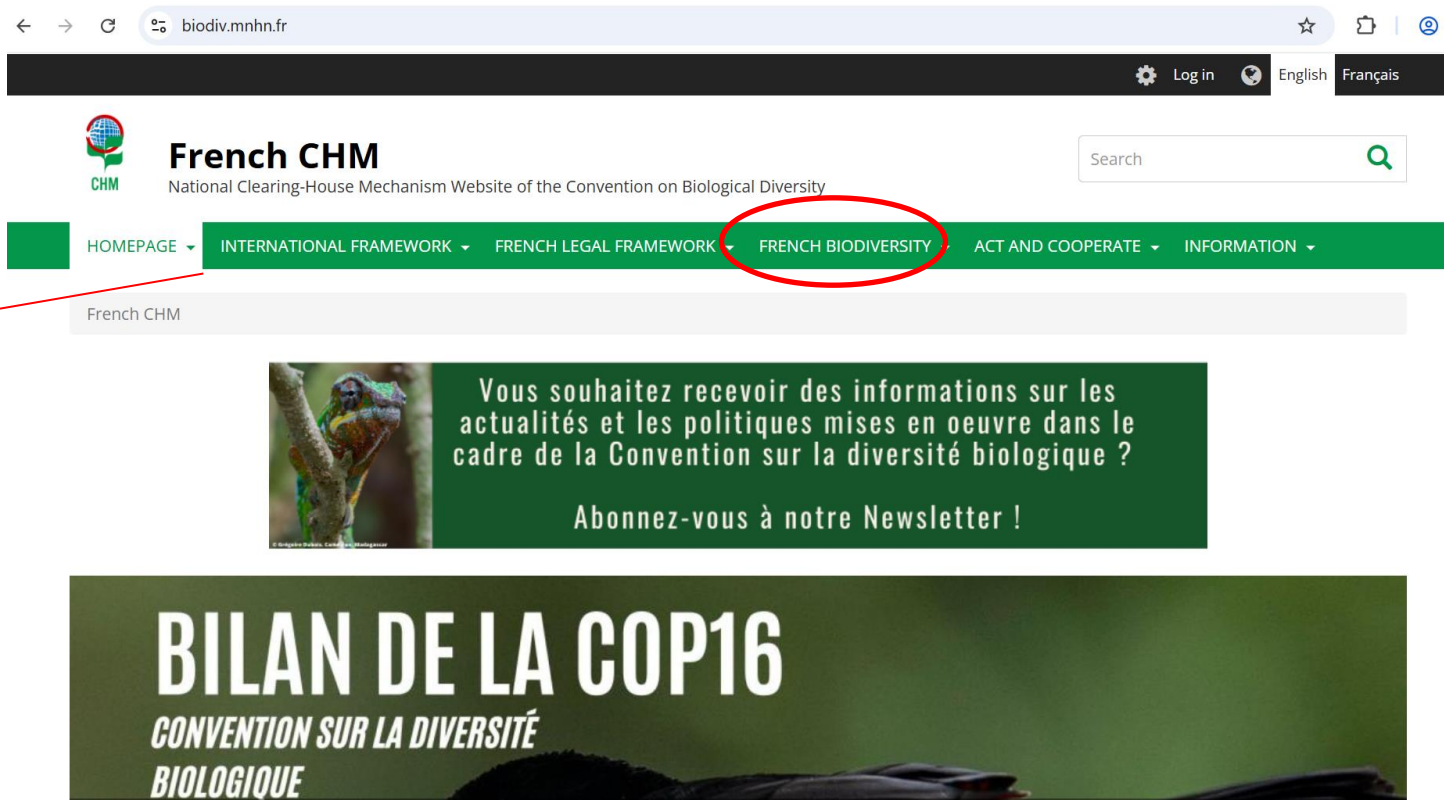
Information about the CBD and the related national policies



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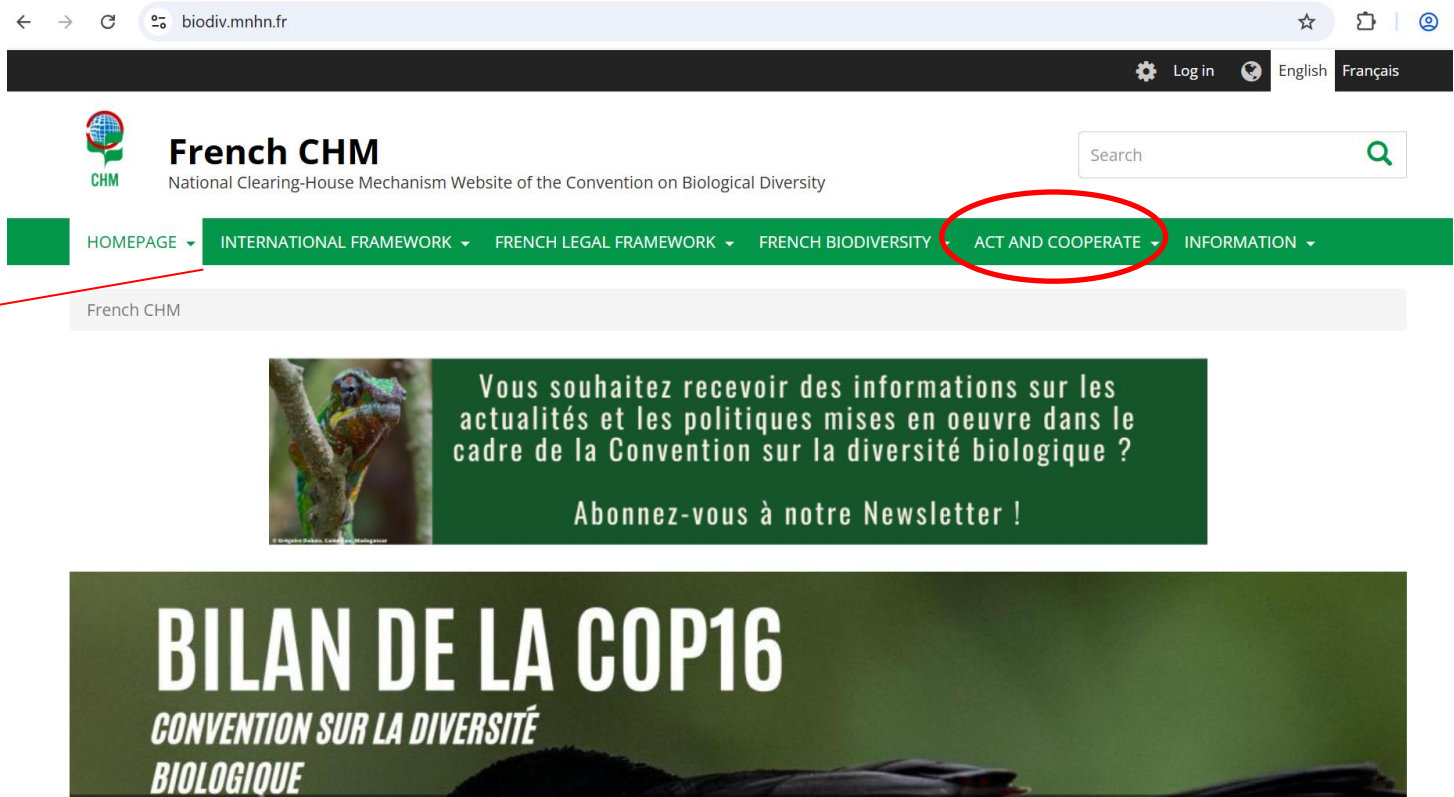


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Information about how to get involved (training materials, list of relevant organizations involved in the CBD process...)

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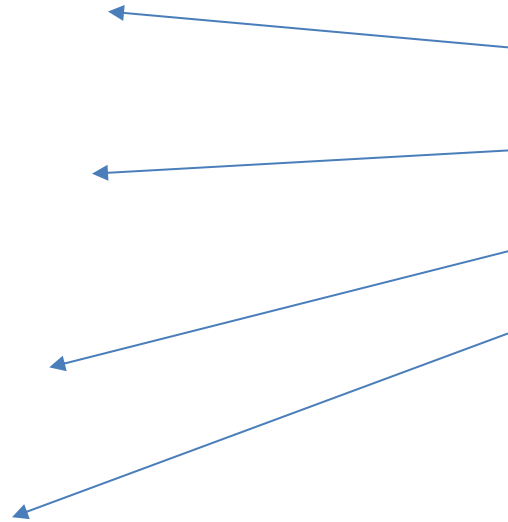
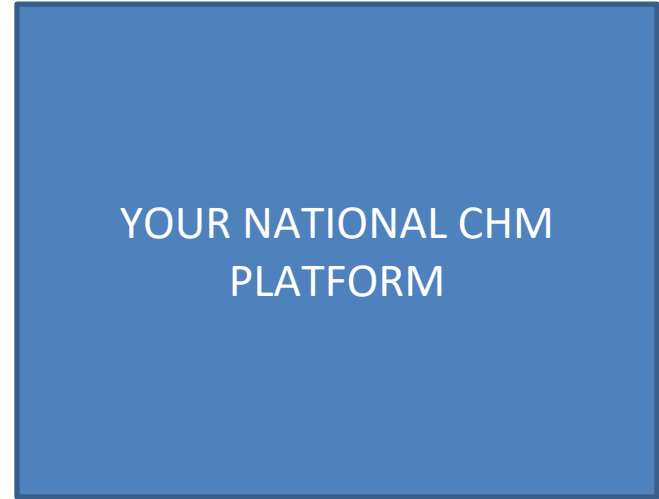


**Exchange of
information**

**Connecting
stakeholders**

**capacity building
(matchmaking)**

**monitoring and
reporting**



*Will feed all these
processes*

Thank you !

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