

# Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM)



# Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism

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# 1. Opening





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## Welcome!

- Joint meeting day of the
  - ABSCH-IAC 28-30 October 2015
  - CHM-IAC 30-31 October 2015
- Co-chaired by:
  - Mr. Chris Lyal, ABSCH-IAC Chair (UK)
  - Mr. Han de Koeijer, CHM-IAC Chair (Belgium)
- Opening remarks by CBD Executive Secretary



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# 1. Opening - Tour de table

#### Suggested self-introduction

- 1. Name
- 2. Country / organization
- 3. Job title
- 4. Involvement in CHM or ABSCH
- 5. Potential contribution
- 6. Comments / expectations



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# 2. Organizational matters





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# 2.1. Adoption of the agenda

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# 2.2. Organization of work

#### Friday 30 October 2015

| Time          | Item   |
|---------------|--|
| 9:00 - 9:15   | Registration and welcome                           |
| 9:15 - 10:30  | 1. Opening   |
|               | 2. Organizational matters                          |
|               | 3. Background and objectives                       |
|               | 4. Presentations                                   |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Coffee break                                       |
| 10:45 - 13:00 | 5. Issues related to the central CHM and the ABSCH |
|               | 5.1. Online reporting tool                         |
|               | 5.2. Common formats and metadata                   |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch break  |
| 14:00 - 15:30 | 5.3. Web Strategy                                  |
|               | 5.4. Additional joint issues                       |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | Coffee break (end of joint session with ABSCH-IAC) |
| 15:45 - 17:00 | 5.4. Additional issues                             |



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# 2.2. Organization of work

#### Saturday 31 October 2015

| Time          | Item  |
|---------------|---|
| 9:30 - 10:30  | 6. Issues related to the CHM network              |
|               | 6.1. Award for national CHM                       |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Coffee break                                      |
| 10:45 - 13:00 | 6.2. Support to national CHMs                     |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch break                                       |
| 14:00 - 15:30 | 6.3. Interoperability                             |
|               | 6.4. Collaboration with partners                  |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | Coffee break                                      |
| 15:45 - 17:00 | 6.5. Additional issues related to the CHM network |
|               | 7. Other matters                                  |
|               | 8. Conclusions & recommendations                  |
| 17:00         | 9. Closure  |



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# 2. Organizational matters - Documents

#### Meeting documents

- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2015/2/1 Provisional agenda
- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2015/2/1/Add.1 Annotations to the provisional agenda
- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2015/2/2 Progress report on the CHM

#### Information documents

- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2015/1/INF/1 Common formats and metadata
- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2015/1/INF/2 Preliminary draft web strategy



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# 2. Organizational matters - Documents

#### Relevant documents from other CBD meetings

- UNEP/CBD/COP/12/11
   Progress report on technical and scientific cooperation and the CHM
- UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/2
   Additional information on progress on the CHM
- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2014/2/2
  Report of the meeting (Pyeongchang, Rep. of Korea, 5 October 2014)
- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2014/1/2
  Report of the meeting (Montreal, Canada, 13-14 June 2014)
- UNEP/CBD/COP/11/31
   Proposed work programme for the CHM in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/3
   Information services of the central CHM



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# 3. Background and objectives



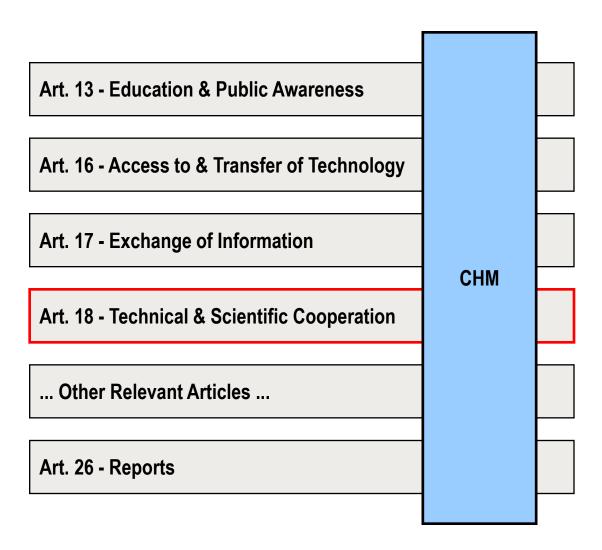




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# Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

#### **Vision**

By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people.

#### **Mission**

Take effective and urgent action to halt the loss of biodiversity in order to ensure that by 2020 ecosystems are resilient and continue to provide essential services, thereby securing the planet's variety of life, and contributing to human well-being, and poverty eradication ...

#### STRATEGIC GOAL D: STRATEGIC GOAL A: **STRATEGIC GOAL B:** STRATEGIC GOAL C: Address the Improve the status of Reduce the direct Enhance the benefits underlying causes of biodiversity by to all from biodiversity pressures on biodiversity loss by safeguarding biodiversity and and ecosystem mainstreaming ecosystems, species promote sustainable services and genetic diversity biodiversity use

**STRATEGIC GOAL E:**. Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity-building

**Support Mechanisms, including the CHM** 

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# Strategic Plan's Vision of the CHM

#### VI. Support Mechanisms, Paragraph 22

- Collectively those involved in implementing the Convention have a
   <u>wealth of experience</u> and have developed many useful good practice
   cases, tools and guidance. There is additional useful information
   beyond this community.
- A biodiversity knowledge network
   database and network of practitioners, to bring together this
   knowledge and experience and to make it available through the
   clearing-house mechanism to facilitate and support enhanced
   implementation of the Convention.
- National clearing-house mechanism nodes comprising networks of experts with effective websites should be developed and sustained so that in each Party, all have access to the information, expertise and experience required to implement the Convention.
- National clearing house mechanism nodes should also be <u>linked to</u>
  the central clearing-house mechanism managed by the Convention
  Secretariat, and <u>information exchange</u> between these should be
  facilitated.

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#### 3 Goals representing 3 levels of implementation

- 1. The **central CHM** provides effective global information services to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
- **2. National CHMs** provide effective information services to facilitate the implementation of the NBSAPs
- 3. Partners significantly expand the **CHM network** and services
- → CHM Mission, Goals and Objectives in decision X/15 www.cbd.int/chm/strategy

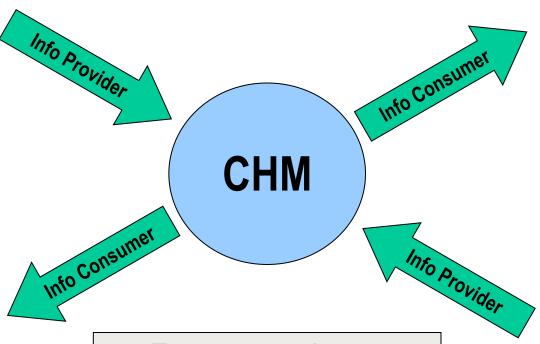
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# Clearing-House Features



## Two-way exchange

- ✓ Search engine
- ✓ Submission
- ✓ Aggregation
- Interoperability
- ✓ Connecting
- ✓ Match-making

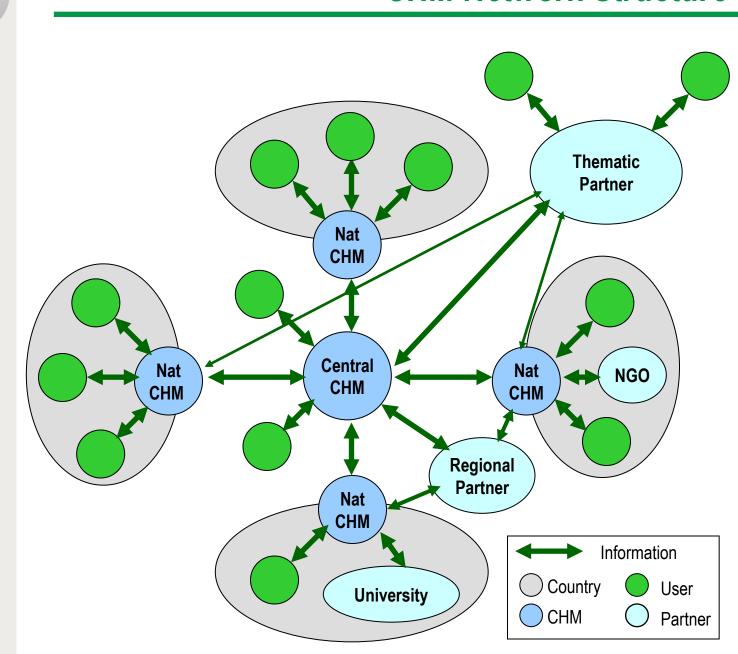
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### **CHM Network Structure**





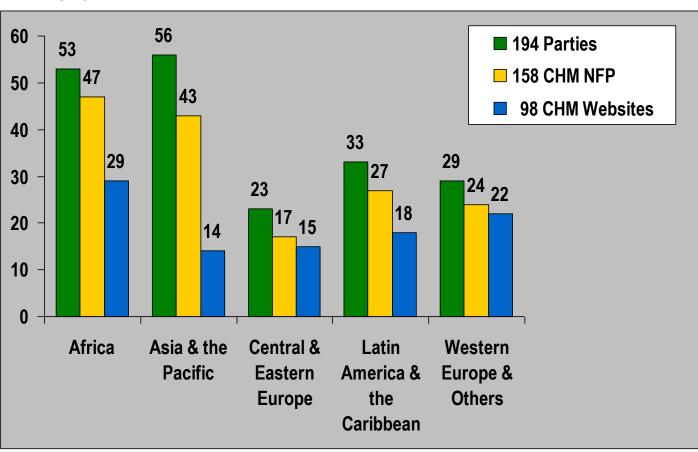
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### National CHM Network Status

#### **Text**



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#### **COP 12 Decision on the CHM**

#### **Decision XII/2 B, section 3**

- To Parties & partners (paragraphs 14-17)
  - 14. Submit information and provide feedback
  - 15. Establish or develop national CHMs
  - 16. Provide support to developing countries
  - 17. Provide financial support to developing countries
- To the Executive Secretary (paragraphs 15 & 18-19)
  - 15. Grant an award to Parties that have made the most significant progress in the development of their National CHMs
  - 18. Develop the information services of the central CHM:
    - (a) Online reporting tool
    - (b) Interoperability with National CHMs
    - (c) Interoperability with InforMEA
    - (d) High quality CBD Website in all UN languages
  - 19. Develop a web strategy to ensure central access to common or relevant information

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# **Meeting Objectives**

- Review progress made since COP 12
- Make recommendations to the ES
  - → Guidance for further implementation
- Share views with ABSCH-IAC on issues of common interest
  - → Joint recommendations on common issues



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#### 4. Presentations





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## 4. Presentations

- CHM Presentation
- IT Presentation
- ABSCH Presentation

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## Information submission and feedback

#### Progress

- Online systems available at <a href="http://chm.cbd.int">http://chm.cbd.int</a>
- Test version available at <a href="http://dev-chm.cbd.int">http://dev-chm.cbd.int</a>
- Feedback collected

#### Next Actions

- Make adjustments based on feedback
- Make online reporting tool available to Parties
- Promote online systems through side events and workshops

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### **Establishment of national CHMs**

#### Progress

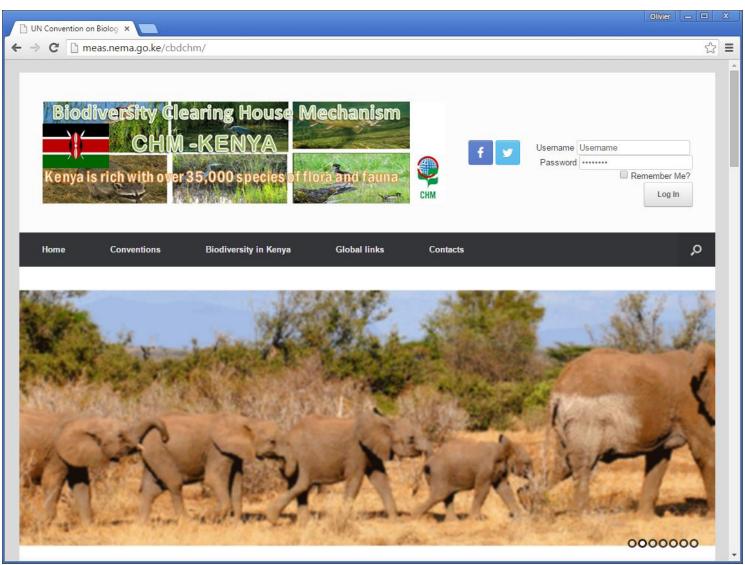
- Progress made by some Parties
- 4 new national CHMs since COP 12 (Kenya, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sudan)

#### Next Actions

- Continue ongoing support to national CHMs
- Motivate Parties through the CHM award process

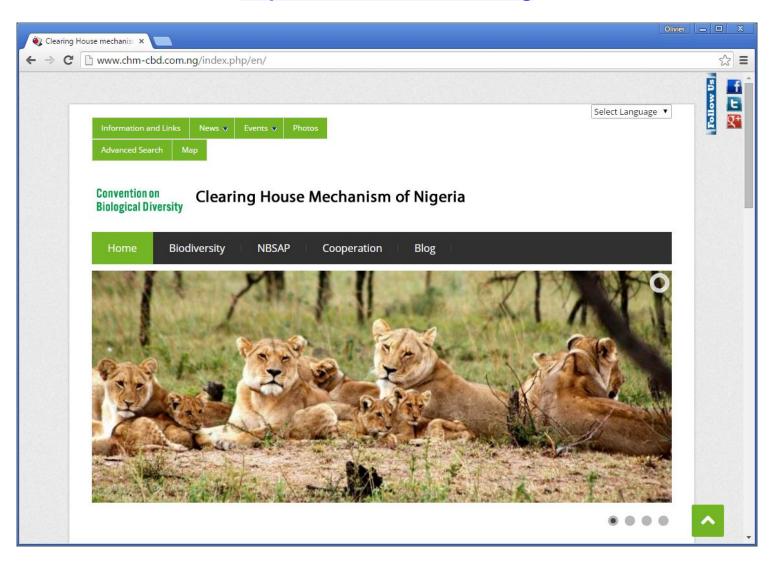
# Kenya

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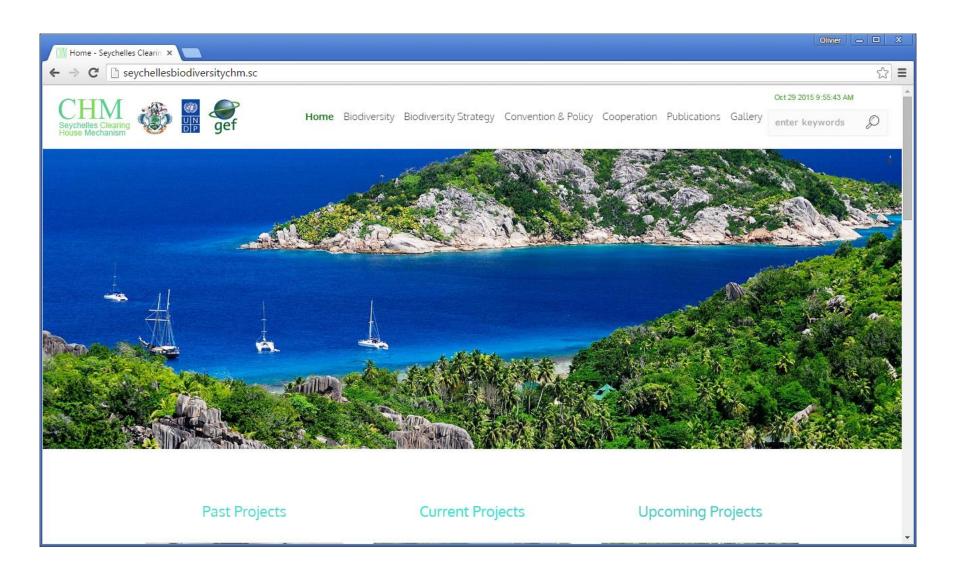
# Nigeria

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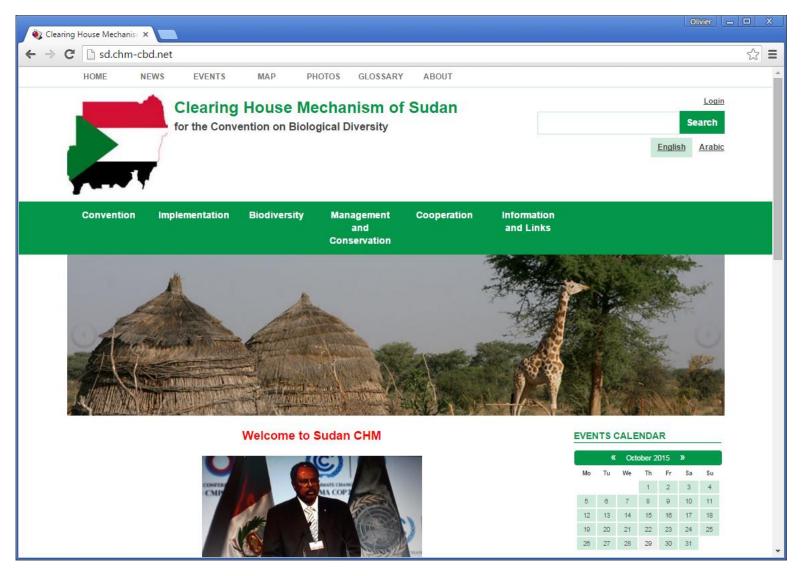
# **Seychelles**

## http://seychellesbiodiversitychm.sc



## Sudan

#### http://sd.chm-cbd.net



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### Award for national CHMs

#### Progress

- CHM award working group within CHM-IAC
- Notification 2015-068 issued with modalities and questionnaire
- 25 replies so far

#### Next Actions

- Plan next steps with CHM-IAC
- Review the national CHM and their progress
- Organize the CHM award at COP 13

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# Support to national CHM

#### Progress

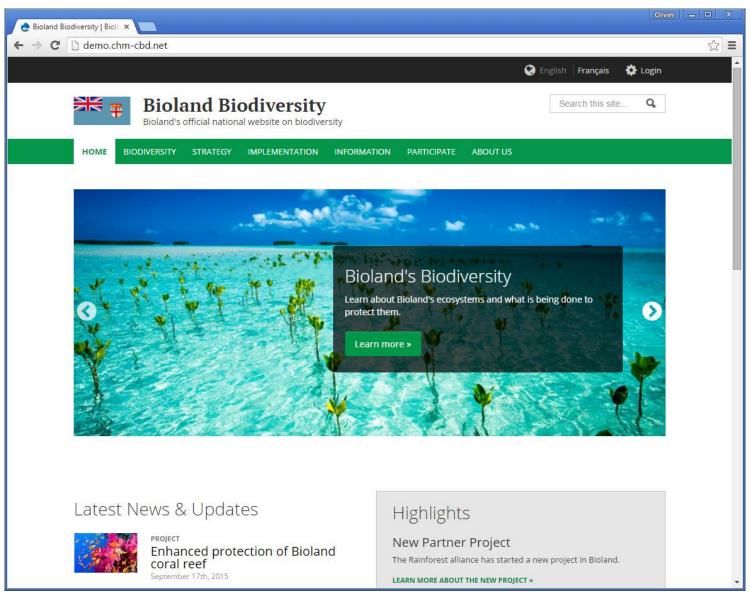
- Funding from Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF) for 2015-2016
- Ongoing preparation of two capacity-building workshops
- Tool to facilitate the establishment of a new national CHM http://demo.chm-cbd.net

#### Next Actions

- Continue development based on feedback received
- Make tool available to interested Parties
- Convene capacity-building workshops with training sessions

#### **Tool for National CHMs**

http://demo.chm-cbd.net



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# Online reporting tool

#### Progress

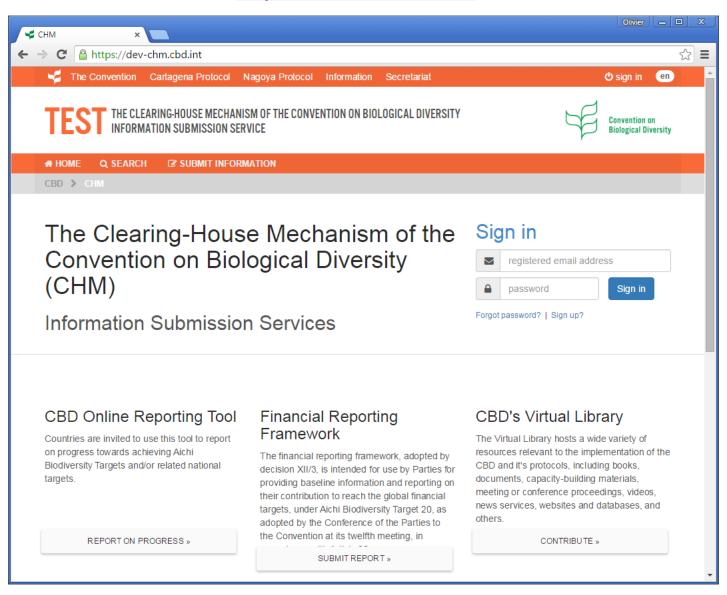
- Improved user interface and consistency with other online systems
- Latest version available for testing at <a href="http://dev-chm.cbd.int">http://dev-chm.cbd.int</a>
- User's guide available at <u>https://www.cbd.int/chm/doc/chm-latest-guide-online-reporting.pdf</u>
- Feedback collected

#### Next Actions

- Make adjustments based on feedback received
- Make tool available for official submission.
- Use submitted data on relevant web pages

# **Online Reporting Tool**

https://dev-chm.cbd.int



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# Interoperability with National CHMs

#### Progress

- API being developed at the CBD Secretariat
- Endpoints defined to retrieve information
- Work on technical documentation started

#### Next Actions

- Continue development, including further testing and adjustments
- Continue documentation
- Provide demonstration examples
- Pilot test with interested countries

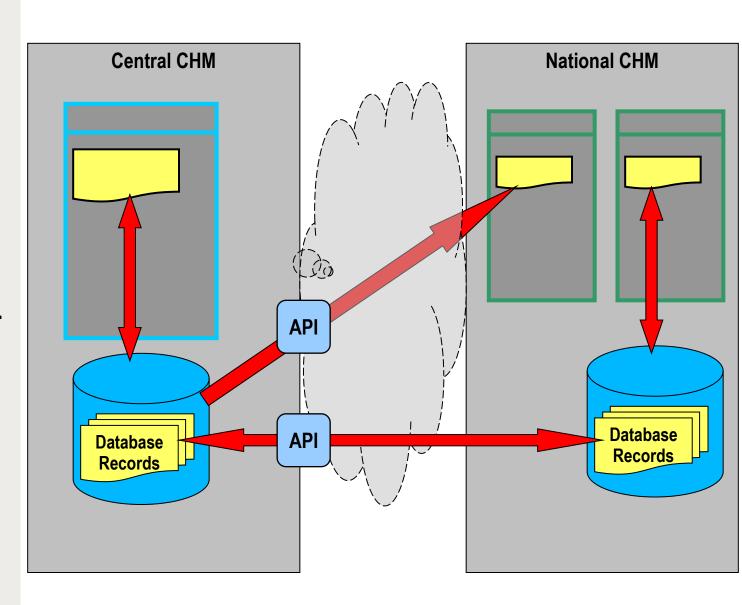
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# Interoperability with National CHMs

#### **CHM REST API Endpoints**

| Information Types     | CHM API Endpoints  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Treaties              | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/treaties                   |
| Countries & Parties   | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/countries                  |
| NFP Types             | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-focal-point-types |
| National Focal Points | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-focal-points      |
| National Reports      | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-reports           |
| NBSAPs                | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-strategies        |
| National Targets      | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-targets           |

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# Interoperability with InforMEA

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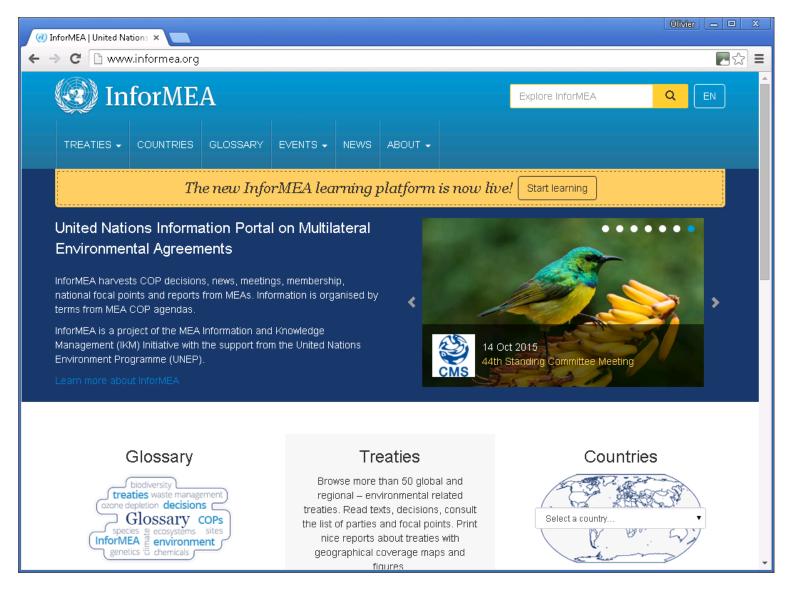
- InforMEA API being implemented at CBD Secretariat
- Endpoints defined to retrieve information

#### Next Actions

- Resolve pending technical issues
- Liaise with InforMEA team to coordinate further enhancements

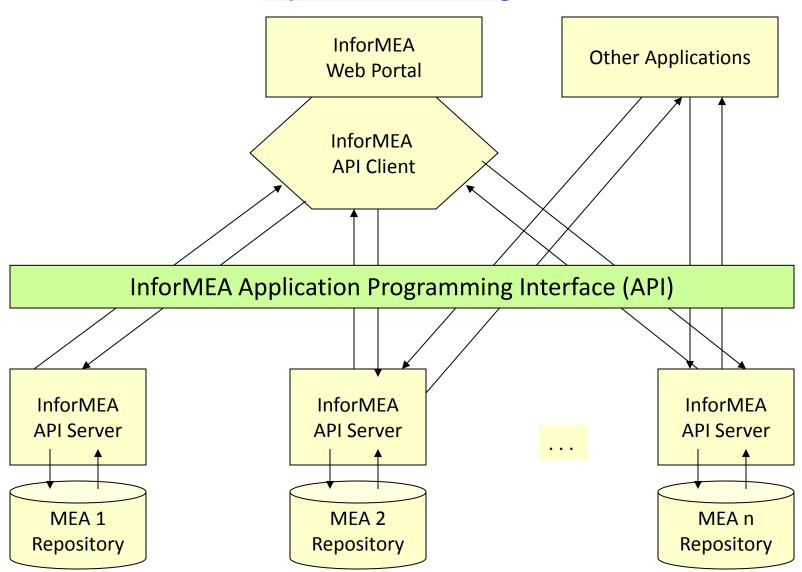
#### InforMEA Website

#### http://www.informea.org



# InforMEA Interoperability

#### http://www.informea.org





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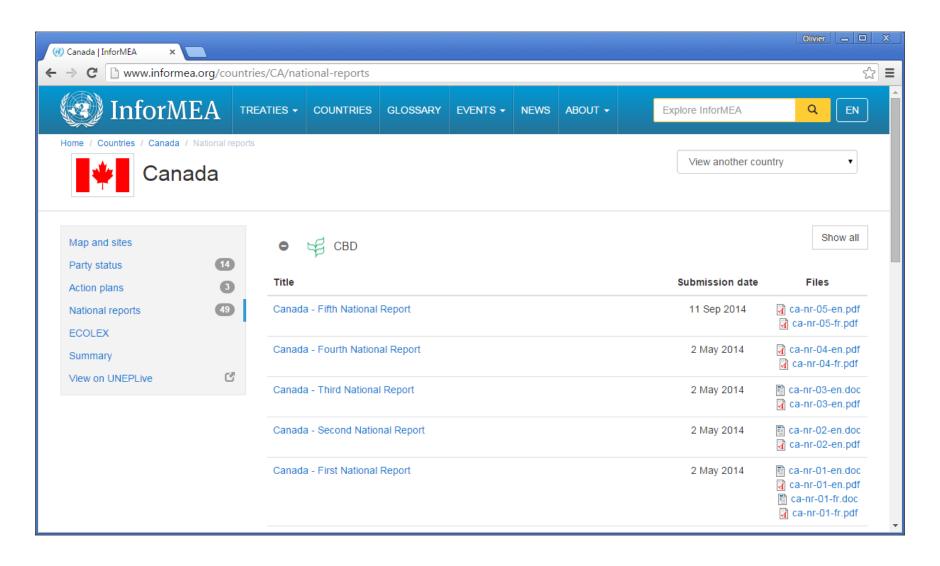
# Interoperability with InforMEA

#### **CBD Implementation of InforMEA API**

| Information Types     | InforMEA API Endpoints                           |
|-----------------------|--|
| Meetings              | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/Meetings        |
| Decisions             | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/Decisions       |
| Countries & Parties   | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/CountryProfiles |
| National Focal Points | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/Contacts        |
| National Reports      | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/CountryReports  |
| NBSAPs                | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/NationalPlans   |

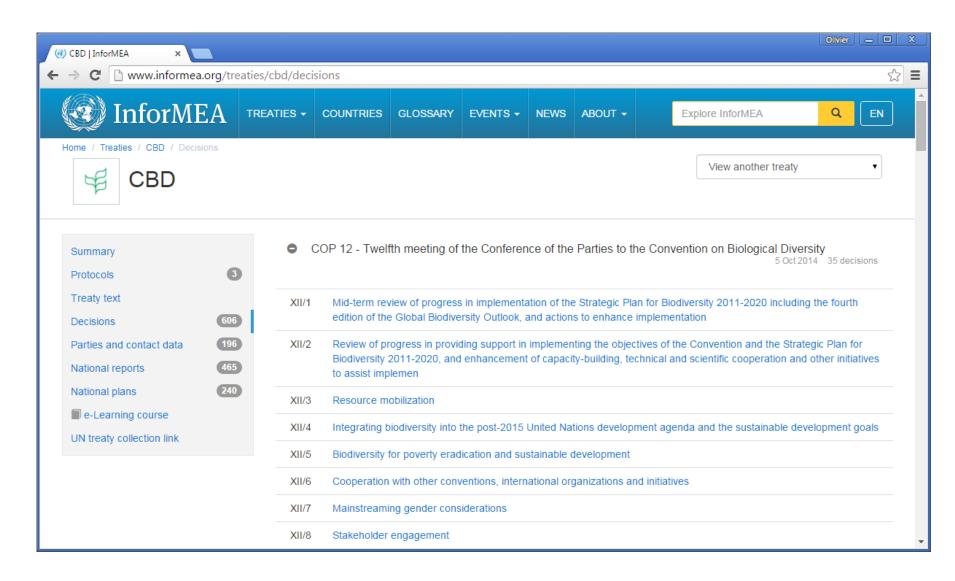
# InforMEA Country Profiles

#### http://www.informea.org



# InforMEA Treaty Decisions

#### http://www.informea.org/treaties/cbd/decisions





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# CBD website in all UN languages

#### Progress

- Content updated on an ongoing basis
  - The home page (<u>www.cbd.int</u>)
  - Online version of the latest decisions (www.cbd.int/decisions)
  - Nagoya Protocol web portal (<u>www.cbd.int/abs</u>)
  - IDB 2015 (www.cbd.int/idb)
- Technical enhancements
  - New web infrastructure
  - Unified account system (<a href="http://accounts.cbd.int">http://accounts.cbd.int</a>)
  - Integration of online submission systems (<a href="http://chm.cbd.int">http://chm.cbd.int</a>)
- Contracts being issued for translators (Umoja)

#### Next Actions

- Ongoing maintenance and translation of CBD website
- Evolution determined by the web strategy

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#### Progress

- Web strategy working group within CHM-IAC
- Internal consultations with relevant staff
- → Preliminary draft web strategy

#### Next Actions

- Seek advice from CHM-IAC
- Further internal consultations
- → Official web strategy submitted to SBI 1

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Thank you!

Questions or comments?

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## 4. Presentations

- CHM Presentation
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- ABSCH Presentation



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### 5. Issues related to the CHM & the ABSCH





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## 5. Issues related to the CHM & the ABSCH

- 5.1. Online reporting tool
- 5.2. Common formats & metadata
- 5.3. Web strategy
- 5.4. Additional joint issues

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# 5.1. Online reporting tool

#### Background

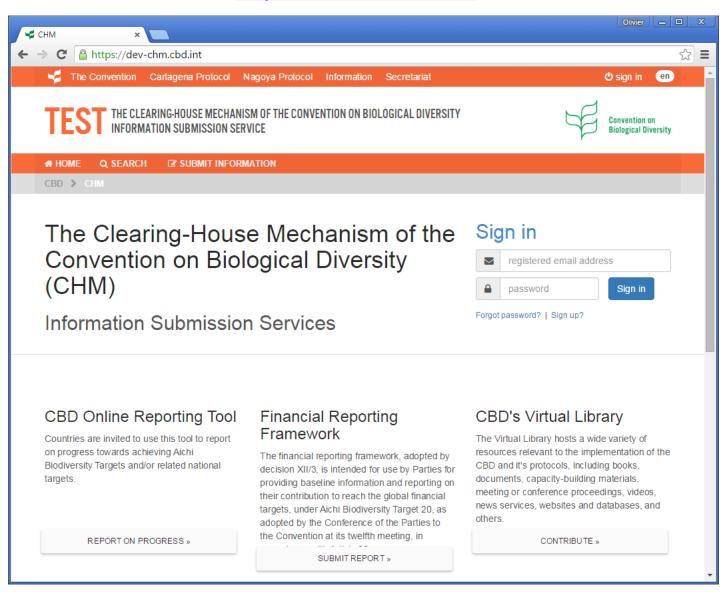
- Online reporting system being developed
- Latest version available at https://dev-chm.cbd.int
- Testing period for CHM-IAC & interested Parties

#### Discussion

- Feedback received
- Additional comments
- Move to production

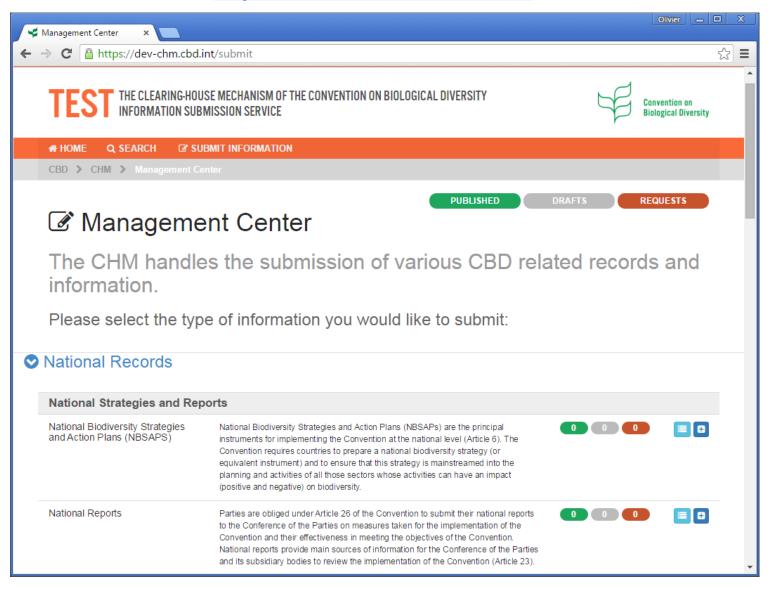
# **Online Reporting Tool**

https://dev-chm.cbd.int



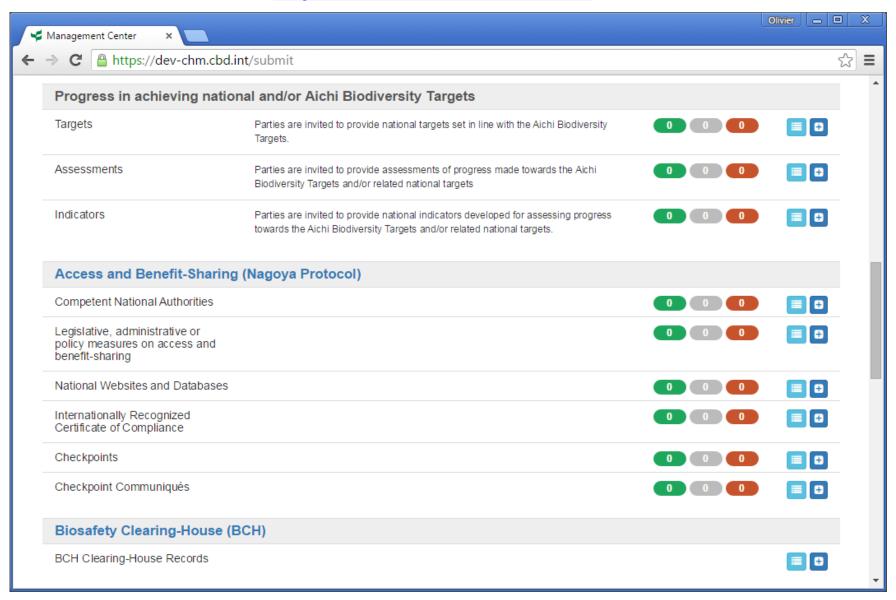
# Online Reporting Tool - Management Center

https://dev-chm.cbd.int/submit



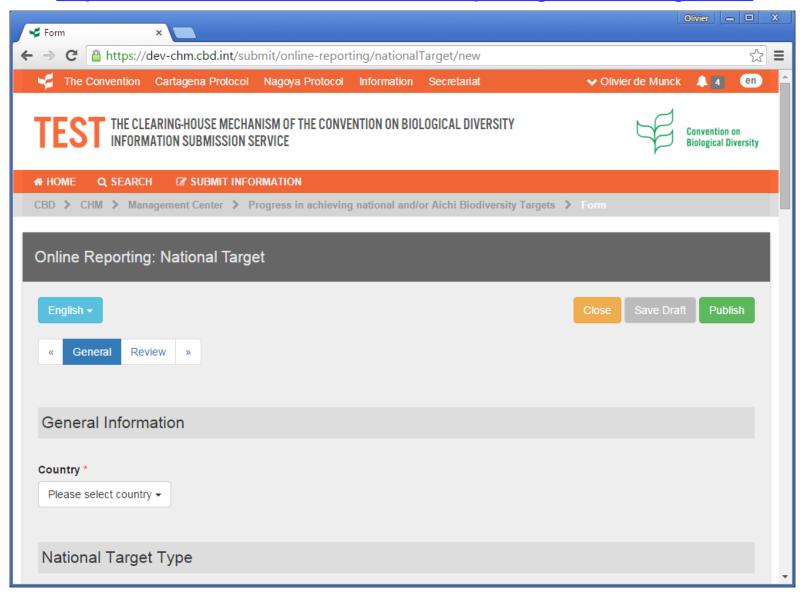
# Online Reporting Tool - Management Center

https://dev-chm.cbd.int/submit



# Online Reporting Tool - New National Target

https://dev-chm.cbd.int/submit/online-reporting/nationalTarget/new



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## 5.2. Common formats & metadata

#### Background

- Common formats & metadata developed for each clearing-house
- Updated compilation in document UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2015/1/INF/1

#### Discussion

- Limited time
- Brief general discussion
- Focus on joint common formats for capacity-building
  - Capacity-building resources
  - Capacity-building initiatives

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# 5.3. Web strategy

#### Background

- Decision XII/2 B, paragraph 19
   Requests the ES to develop a web strategy to ensure that all information common or relevant to the CHM, the ABSCH and the BCH, as well as other platforms developed under the Convention, can be accessed centrally to avoid duplication of efforts
- Working group
- Preliminary draft web strategy UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2015/1/INF/2

#### Discussion

- Review document
- View and comments

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# 5.4. Additional joint issues

#### Background

- Many commonalities between CHM & ABSCH-IAC
- Effort to synergize
- 3 items of common interest on the agenda
  - 5.1. Online reporting
  - 5.2 Common formats
  - 5.3. Web strategy

#### Discussion

Any additional joint issues?



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# 6. Issues related to the CHM network





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## 6. Issues related to the CHM network

- 6.1. Award for national CHMs
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## 6.1. Award for national CHMs

#### Background

- Decision XII/2 B, Paragraph 15
   Process to grant at COP 13, 14 & 15 an award for the Parties that have made the most significant progress in the establishment or further development of their National CHM
- Notification 2015-068 on 17 June 2015
  - Information on modalities
  - Questionnaire
- 25 replies

#### Discussion

Planning next steps

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# 6.2. Support to National CHMs

#### Background

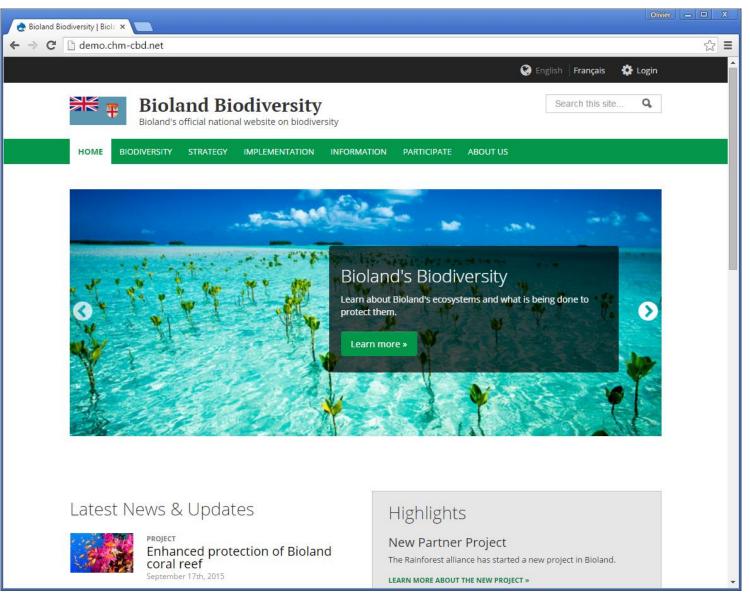
- Decision XII/2 B, paragraph 15:
   Invite Parties & partners to provide support to developing country
   Parties for the development of their national CHMs
- Decision XII/2 B, paragraph 16: Invite Parties & other donors to provide financial support to establish or strengthen national CHMs

#### Discussion

- Current support (JBF, Belgian partnership, NBSAP Forum)
- Views & comments

### **Tool for National CHMs**

http://demo.chm-cbd.net



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# 6.3. Interoperability

#### Background

- Decision XII/2, paragraph 18(a): Interoperability with national CHMs
- Decision XII/2, paragraph 18(b): Interoperability with InforMEA

#### Discussion

- Progress made and endpoints defined
- Next steps
- Pilot test with interested countries

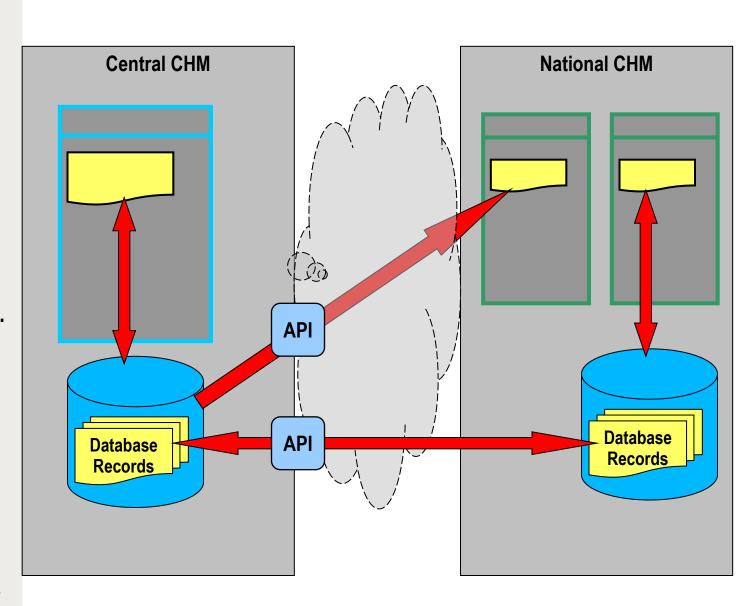
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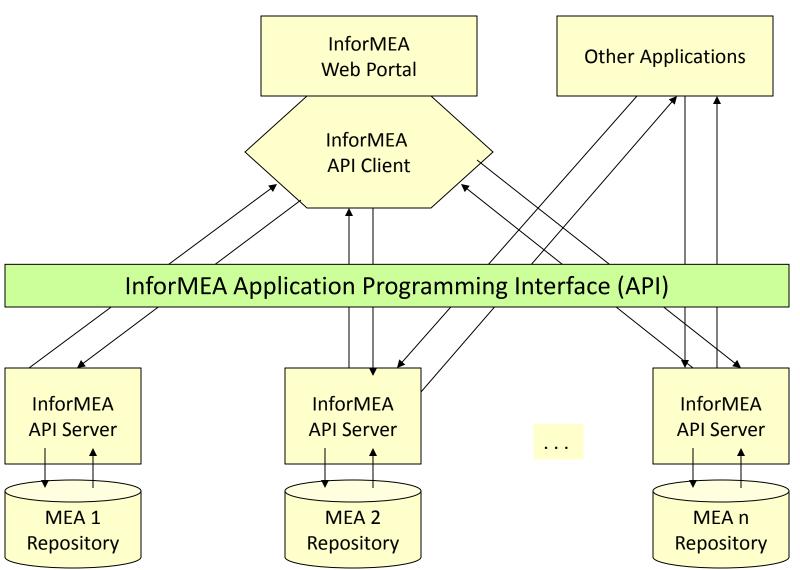
# Interoperability with National CHMs

#### **CHM REST API Endpoints**

| Information Types     | CHM API Endpoints  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Treaties              | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/treaties                   |
| Countries & Parties   | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/countries                  |
| NFP Types             | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-focal-point-types |
| National Focal Points | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-focal-points      |
| National Reports      | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-reports           |
| NBSAPs                | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-strategies        |
| National Targets      | https://api.cbd.int/api/v2015/national-targets           |

# InforMEA Interoperability

### http://www.informea.org





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# Interoperability with InforMEA

#### **CBD Implementation of InforMEA API**

| Information Types     | InforMEA API Endpoints                           |
|-----------------------|--|
| Meetings              | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/Meetings        |
| Decisions             | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/Decisions       |
| Countries & Parties   | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/CountryProfiles |
| National Focal Points | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/Contacts        |
| National Reports      | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/CountryReports  |
| NBSAPs                | https://api.cbd.int/informea.svc/NationalPlans   |

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## 6.4. Collaboration with Partners

#### Background

Most active partners

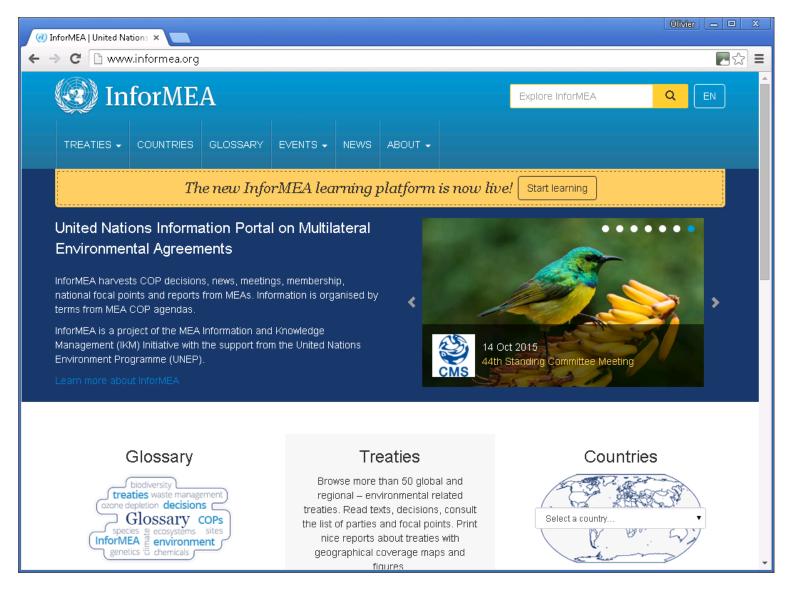
- InforMEA
- NBSAP Forum
- Japan Biodiversity Fund
- Belgian partnership

#### Discussion

- Comments?
- Guidance?

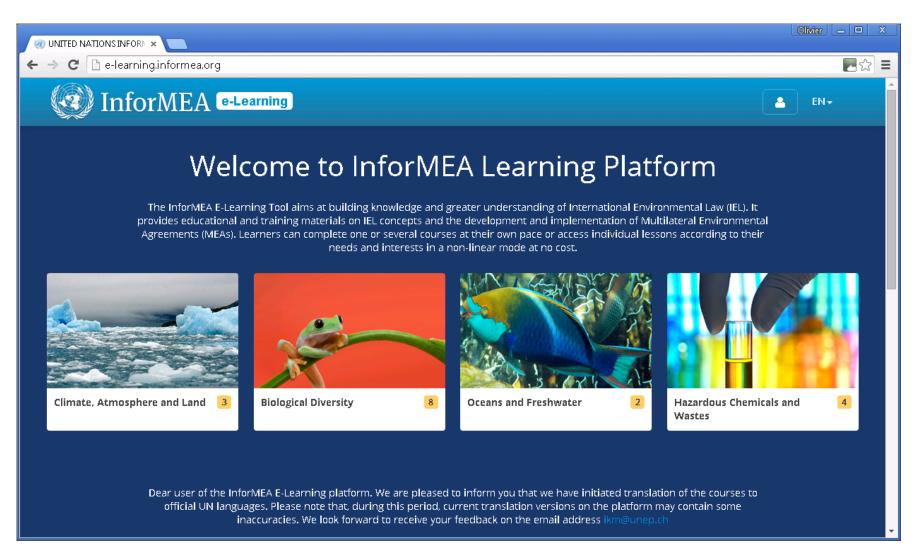
#### InforMEA Website

#### http://www.informea.org



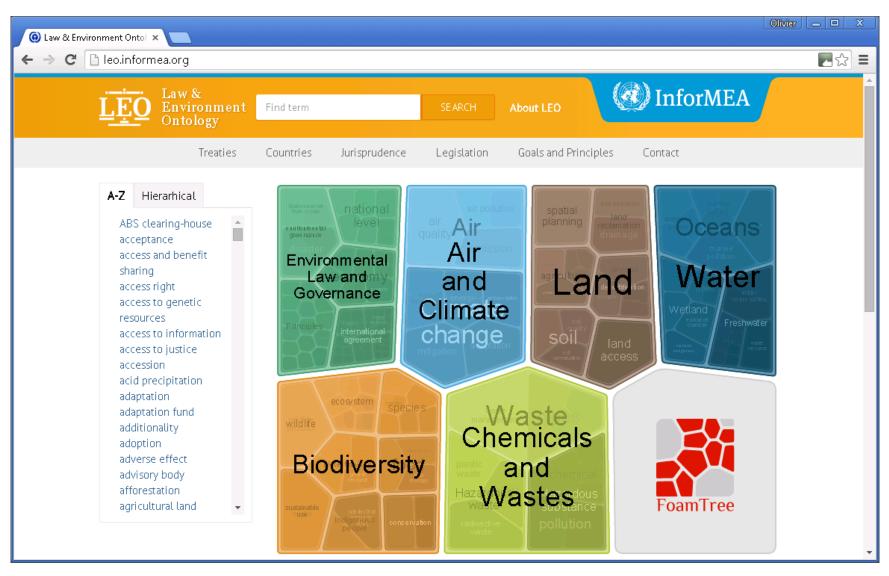
# InforMEA Learning Platform

http://e-learning.informea.org



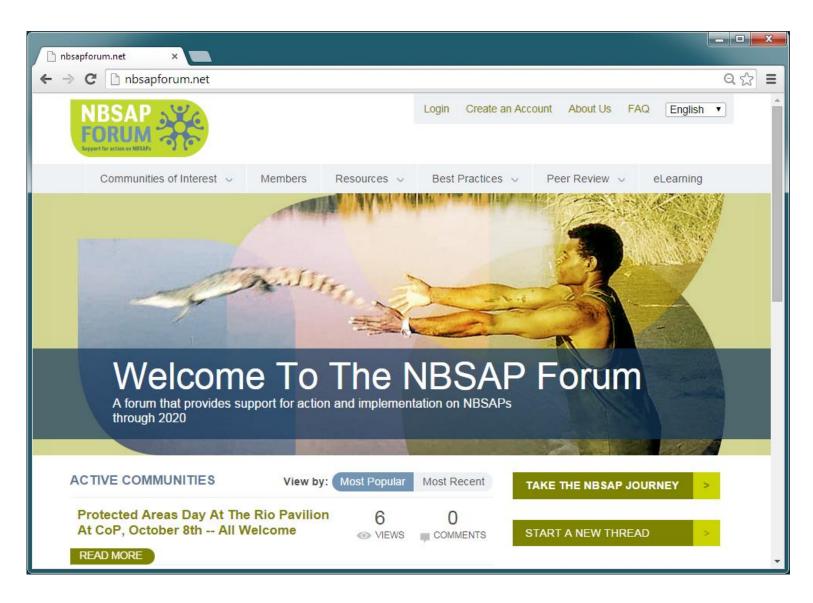
# InforMEA Law & Environment Ontology (LEO)

http://leo.informea.org



#### **NBSAP Forum**

#### http://nbsapforum.net



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## 6.5. Additional CHM network issues

#### Background

- The CHM has a broad scope
- Not possible to cover everything at this CHM-IAC meeting

#### Discussion

- Key issues?
- Additional guidance?



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#### 7. Other matters





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#### Possible additional matters

- Next CHM-IAC meetings
  - 1 meeting at SBI 1
  - 1 meeting at COP 13
- Renewal of CHM-IAC (at COP 13)



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### 8. Conclusions & recommendations





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# 8. Conclusions and Recommendations

Recap & synthesis

→ Conclusions & recommendations



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