



Press Brief

Capacity-building

Why is this important?

Parties are required to cooperate in the development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in access and benefit-sharing (ABS) for the purpose of the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, taking into account the needs of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition. Currently, many countries lack the necessary capacities to effectively implement the Protocol. For example, many do not yet have in place functional domestic legislative, administrative or policy measures on ABS and have not yet set up the institutional arrangements to support implementation of the Protocol at the national level. Many of them also lack experts in the area of ABS and related issues.

Since the adoption of the Protocol, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (ICNP) has made deliberations on a strategic framework to assist in capacity-building. The Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting, requested the Executive Secretary to organize an expert meeting to further develop a strategic framework. The third meeting of the ICNP deliberated on these proposed elements and recommended that the first meeting of the COP-MOP adopt a revised version of the strategic framework for capacity and development in support of the effective implementation of the Protocol.



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What news to expect in Pyeongchang?

At its first meeting, it is anticipated that the COP-MOP will, among other things:

- Consider and adopt a strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
- Establish an informal advisory committee to provide advice to the Executive Secretary, until the third meeting of the COP-MOP, on matters related to the assessment of the effectiveness of the strategic framework.

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