



Press Brief

Compliance

Why is this important?

A compliance mechanism under an international environmental treaty is normally devised to facilitate the fulfillment of Parties' obligations and to deal with non-compliance. Since the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol, Parties have started negotiating cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance and to address cases of non-compliance.

At its first meeting, the Intergovernmental Committee of the Nagoya Protocol (ICNP) requested the Executive Secretary to convene an expert meeting to consider draft elements and options for compliance procedures and mechanisms, based on the views submitted by Parties and other stakeholders. The expert group meeting was convened and the outcomes of this work were considered by the second meeting of the ICNP, which produced a recommendation on the draft elements and options for compliance under the Nagoya Protocol.

The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties decided to forward this draft to the third meeting of the ICNP for another round of discussions. After deliberations, the ICNP recommended that the revised version of the draft elements and options produced in its third meeting shall serve as the basis for future consideration of this issue with a view to their adoption at the first meeting of the COP-MOP.



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What news to expect in Pyeongchang?

It is foreseen that, under agenda item 10, “Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization”, the COP will be invited to consider remaining work outlined in the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol, in particular on cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol and address cases of non-compliance, establishing a contact group in order to advance work on these issues prior to COP-MOP 1.

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

- Consider and adopt the cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the provisions of the Protocol and to address cases of non-compliance
- Establish a Compliance Committee and elect its members.

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