



## Press Brief

# The need for and Modalities of a Global Multilateral Benefit-sharing Mechanism

## Why is this important?

Parties shall consider the need for and modalities of a global multilateral approach to situations in which requirements linked to access to genetic resources and the sharing of benefits resulting from their utilization cannot be met on a bilateral level. The Nagoya Protocol indicates two situations to which such a mechanism could apply: transboundary situations and situations where it is not possible to grant or obtain prior informed consent. Against this background, the Protocol instructs Parties to deliberate on whether such a mechanism would be required and, if so, how it would operate.

The eleventh meeting of the COP decided on a process which included a request to conduct a broad online consultation and an invitation to Parties and stakeholders to submit their views on this topic. An expert meeting was convened and the outcomes of this work were considered by the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee, which produced recommendations for the consideration of the COP-MOP at its first meeting.



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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:

- Agree to a roadmap on the way forward for deliberations on a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism which could include inviting Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders to submit to the Executive Secretary views on:

(i) Situations which may support the need for a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism that are not covered under the bilateral approach

(ii) Possible modalities for a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism as well as information regarding the implications of different scenarios on these modalities

(iii) Areas requiring further consideration.

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