



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



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on national clearing-house mechanisms (CHM)
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***Objectives and Programme
of the CHM Workshop***

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Workshop structure

Workshop objectives

Workshop agenda

Work Organization

Final Comments

*Build capacity and provide guidance on
how to establish and sustain effective national CHMs
so that they can
better support the NBSAP implementation process
with focus on
regional issues and lessons learned from past efforts*

- **For Countries**

- Understand the concept of the CHM and its supporting role
- Understand the benefits of a national CHM for the country
- Learn from the experiences of others
- Understand the purpose and capabilities of the Bioland tool
- Know what support they can expect

- **For the CBD Secretariat**

- Learn about the situation in the region
- Become aware of national experiences and challenges
- Understand country needs
- Collect feedback on the Bioland tool
- Understand issues around Arabic support

- **For Countries**

- Able to adopt a sound approach to establish and sustain an effective national CHM
- Have a **strategic vision** on how to develop the national CHM so that it can support the NBSAP implementation process
- Have a **roadmap** to develop the national CHM
- Able to start their national CHM with the Bioland tool
- Increased capacity to develop the national CHM

- **For the CBD Secretariat**

- Able to tailor its guidance and assistance
- Understand the areas of maximum impact
- Increased capacity to support the development of national CHMs

- 1. Opening of the workshop**
- 2. Objectives and programme of the workshop**
- 3. Role of a clearing-house mechanism and national clearing-house mechanisms**
- 4. Overview of the Bioland tool**
- 5. Hands-on Bioland training**
- 6. Population of country-specific information**
- 7. Exploration of partner resources**
- 8. Road map for a national clearing-house mechanism website**
- 9. Pending matters**
- 10. Synthesis and report of the workshop**
- 11. Closure of the workshop**

Daily schedule

- **9:00 – 10:45** **Morning session 1**
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break
- **11:00 – 12:30** **Morning session 2**
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*
- **14:00 – 15:00** **Afternoon session 1**

Organization of Work

	Sunday 14 April 2019	Monday 15 April 2019	Tuesday 16 April 2019	Wednesday 17 April 2019	Thursday 18 April 2019
8.30 – 9 a.m.	Participant registration				
9 – 10.45 a.m.	1. Opening of the workshop 2. Objectives and programme of the workshop 3. Role of a clearing-house mechanism and national clearing-house mechanisms	5. Hands-on Bioland training	6. Population of country-specific information	8. Road map for a national clearing-house mechanism website	Field trip
10.45 – 11 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK				
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	3. Role of a clearing-house mechanism and national clearing-house mechanisms (cont.) and the round table	5. Hands-on Bioland training (cont.)	6. Population of country-specific information (cont.)	8. Road map for a national clearing-house mechanism website (cont.) 9. Pending matters	
12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	PRAYER TIME AND LUNCH BREAK				
2 – 3 p.m.	4. Overview of the Bioland tool	6. Population of country-specific information	7. Exploration of partner resources	10. Synthesis and report of the workshop 11. Closure of the workshop	

- **Key persons for assistance**
 - Alexandre Rafalovitch (CBD Secretariat)
 - Han de Koeijer
 - Belgian Focal Point to the CHM
 - Chair of the Informal Advisory Group on CHM
 - CEBioS Project
- **Next**
 - Self-introduction of participants
 - (Later) round-table discussion
- **Questions or comments**



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