





Bio-Bridge Initiative

IAC on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

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Context for BBI development

- Initially proposed by the Republic of Korea, and welcomed by the COP in decisions XII/2, XII/3
- Aims to enable more systematic and sustainable technical and scientific cooperation among Parties in their efforts to address
 - Article 18 and related Articles in the Convention and its protocols
 - o Achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets

BBI Team

Steering Group

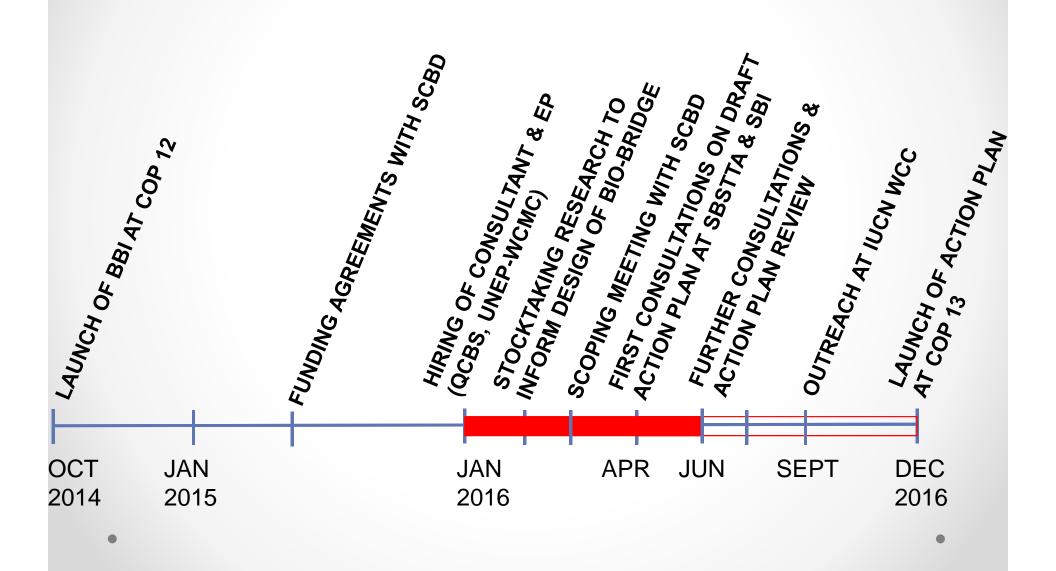
Government of the Republic of Korea

CBD Secretariat

External Partner: Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Sciences and UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre Contracted to:

- ✓ Research and develop BBI Action Plan 2016-2020
- ✓ Explore partnerships that will be formalized by SCBD.

BBI Timeline



BBI Draft Action Plan for Review (July, 2016)

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Proposed BBI Vision

"Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and to its Protocols are extensively sharing tools, knowledge and resources through regional and global partnerships and networks to achieve their national biodiversity targets"

Proposed BBI Mission

"BBI will respond to the technical and scientific needs of Parties by fostering cooperation among countries and institutions"

Specific Objectives:

- To foster increased engagement in cooperation among Parties and institutions to share knowledge, tools and resources
- To provide technical assistance to Parties and relevant institutions to articulate TSC needs and identify and develop opportunities for addressing needs through TSC
- To harness expert and institutional networks to match articulated Party needs with the necessary knowledge, tools and resources

Desired Outcomes

Objective	Outcome
Foster increased engagement in TSC among Parties and institutions	 Parties will be proactively seeking opportunities and partners for biodiversity-related TSC
	 Parties and other stakeholders will be proactively offering biodiversity-related solutions to other countries
	 Parties will consult with each other regularly about available solutions to biodiversity challenges
	Parties will co-finance TSC projects
Provide technical assistance for needs articulation	 Parties and other stakeholders will have facilitated access to technical and scientific assistance and knowledge
	Parties will identify and precisely articulate their priority needs
	Parties will develop robust proposals for TSC initiatives, ready to be funded and implemented
Match needs with appropriate	Projects resulting from matchmaking implemented
knowledge, tools, resources	 Partner institutions are actively involved in promoting and implementing TSC
	 Online resources and links to other tools, resources and programmes are being used to share and uptake solutions

Modus Operandi

(derived from CBD documents and interviews)

- Provide an accessible, overarching mechanism to address TSC needs as expressed by CBD Parties
- Focus on the identification and promotion of good practices in responding to identified needs
- Deliver integrated systematic support for needs articulation, proposal development, matchmaking, and promotion of good practices
- Provide a client-oriented and flexible approach to support co-design of TSC initiatives with stakeholders and partners through a "help desk"
- Focus on regional cooperation, support and matchmaking, through working with partner institutions and networks.
- Prioritize resources to meet the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition
- Work in synergy with other programmes/initiatives/mechanisms, building on their experience and filling identified gaps as appropriate

Important Caveat...

- ...BBI is NOT a funding mechanism
- →Action Plan identifies a need to build partnerships to support delivery of many TSC initiatives, and to leverage core project funding
- →Focus will be on early stages of cooperation: catalyzing and fostering TSC among countries & institutions, supporting the articulation of needs, supporting the development of robust project proposals, matching needs with relevant partners, mobilizing external resources

Tools

NEEDS

- Appropriate knowledge, tools, resources to achieve ABTs
- Support for identification & development of TSC opportunities
- Support for identification & implementation of solutions



RESPONSES

- Foster increased TSC among Parties and institutions
- Technical assistance to develop TSC initiatives
- Matching defined needs with resources and experts from partner networks

FACILITATING TECHNICAL & SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS

Three Objectives and Supporting Activities

1. Foster Increased engagement in TSC among Parties and partners

ACTIVITIES:

- Implement a communication and outreach strategy to increase understanding of the value and importance of TSC:
 - Strategy to reach all CBD Parties and other stakeholders
 - web strategy to effectively manage knowledge and facilitate cooperation
 - Mobilize networks of organizations that will support BBI in the delivery of TSC
- Organize regional and thematic meetings and roundtables to encourage new cooperation
- Provide seed resources for opportunistic or innovative
 TSC initiatives

2. Provide technical assistance for needs articulation through help desk

ACTIVITIES:

- Develop the BBI help desk as a means to support Parties in seeking TSC
- Receive and compile information on technical assistance needs through a common form and approach
- Develop and implement help desk service to assist with the articulation of needs and elaboration of requests for assistance

3. Match needs with appropriate knowledge, tools, resources through help desk

ACTIVITIES:

- Develop and implement approach to select most appropriate response to requests for assistance (set response options)
- Provide a knowledge base of resources relevant to TSC
- Develop and implement a transparent process to support development of 'Response Plans' for new TSC initiatives (expert-supported project proposals to be delivered through TSC with specific partners)
- Support applications to partner mechanisms engaged in TSC or capacity development

Matchmaking Response Options

SIMPLE

- COMPLEX
- 1. Quick response directly from help desk identifying relevant expertise, resources
- 2. Match with existing programmes, working groups, mechanisms within the CBD that can provide an appropriate response
- 3. Match with existing programmes, working groups, mechanisms external to CBD for specific topics
- 4. Identification of exemplars that could be replicated, with support from institutions involved in case study or with similar knowledge and experience
- 5. Development of **Response Plans** proposing new TSC initiatives, matching need with a relevant institution with required expertise and experience

Operational Structure

- Steering and Advisory committees
- Programme Officer and administration
- Technical support Unit (help desk(s))
 - o Central help desk
 - o Regional help desk(s)

Questions

- What TSC support services would be most useful to Parties?
- What type of cooperation are Parties looking for? (experts, help with fundraising, networking for inspiration, good ideas...)
- How can BBI support ongoing TSC initiatives already occurring across countries?
- How can BBI best support a broad impact on ability of countries to achieve biodiversity targets?

Thank you!

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