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The CHM in the context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the NBSAPs

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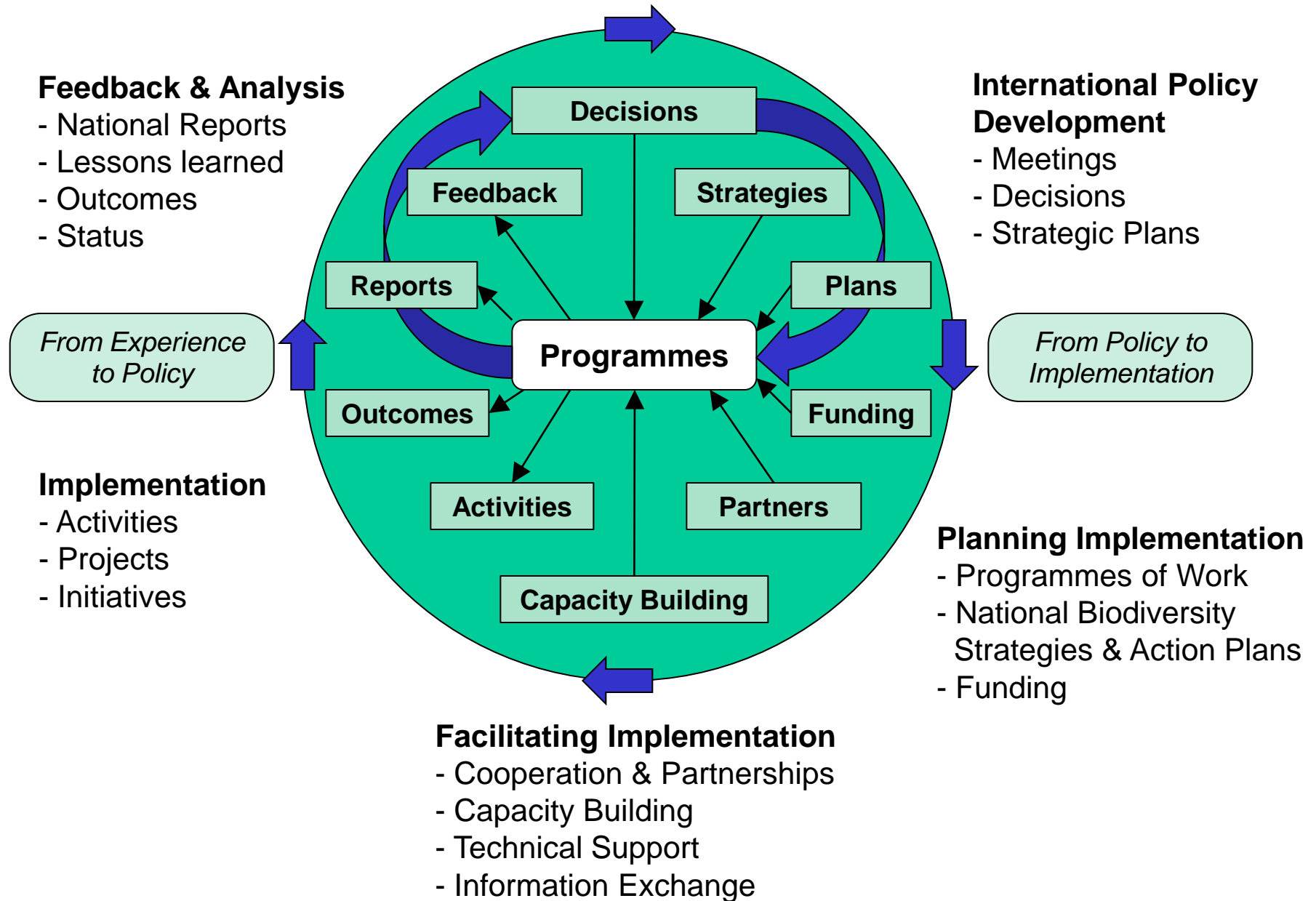
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CBD Policy & Implementation Cycle



What is the Clearing-House Mechanism?

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- **It is the information exchange platform of the CBD**
- **It was established in accordance with Article 18.3 to promote scientific and technical cooperation**
- **It has evolved into a global network of websites consisting of:**
 - CBD website
 - National CHMs
 - Partner organizations
- **Its implementation is guided by COP decisions**
 - Latest decision X/15
 - Mission goals and objectives in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

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- **Adopted at COP 10 (Decision X/2)**
- **Vision for "living in harmony with nature"**
By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people
- **5 Strategic Goals & 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets for 2020**
 - A. Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society
 - B. Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use
 - C. Improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity
 - D. Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services
 - E. Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building
- **CHM as an implementation support mechanism**

Paragraph 21 of Strategic Plan

- Collectively those involved in implementing the Convention have a wealth of experience and have developed many useful good practice cases, tools and guidance. There is additional useful information beyond this community.
- A **biodiversity knowledge network** will be developed including a **database and network of practitioners**, to bring together this knowledge and experience and to make it available through the clearing-house mechanism to facilitate and support enhanced implementation of the Convention.
- **National clearing-house mechanism** nodes comprising **networks of experts** with **effective websites** should be developed and sustained so that in each Party, all have access to the information, expertise and experience required to implement the Convention.
- **National clearing house mechanism** nodes should also be **linked to** the **central clearing-house mechanism** managed by the Convention Secretariat, and **information exchange** between these should be facilitated.



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- **Strategic Plan for Biodiversity → Single global framework**
 - Global consensus for action
 - 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets for 2020
- **NBSAP → Adaptation to national level**
 - Takes into account country specificities and priorities
 - National targets to be provided by COP 11
 - National targets contributing to Aichi targets
 - Key to mainstreaming biodiversity across various sectors
- **NBSAP process**
 - Assessing needs and priorities to prepare NBSAPs
 - Implementing the action plans & monitoring progress
 - National reporting against national targets
- **Two-way link between the NBSAP & the National CHM**
 - The CHM should support the NBSAP process
 - The NBSAP should include provisions for the CHM

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1. ***Adopts* the mission, goals & objectives for the period 2011-2020**
2. ***Encourages* Parties to:**
 - a) Continue to establish national CHM (Goal 2)
 - b) Contribute to cooperation initiatives for the CHM
 - c) Include support for the CHM when requesting GEF Funding for NBSAPs
3. ***Encourages* Partners to contribute to the CHM network (Goal 3)**
4. ***Recommends* that the GEF & CBD Secretariats jointly facilitate funding for the CHM**
5. ***Requests* the ES to:**
 - a) Further develop the central CHM information services (Goal 1)
 - b) Prepare a CHM work programme with the CHM IAC & interested Parties
 - c) Explore ways to promote free and open access to conservation data
 - d) Further improve the CBD website in all UN languages

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To contribute significantly to the implementation of
- the Convention on Biological Diversity
- and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
through
- effective information services
- and other appropriate means
in order to promote and facilitate
- scientific and technical cooperation,
- knowledge sharing,
- and information exchange
and to establish a fully operational network
of Parties and partners

3 Goals representing 3 levels of implementation

1. *The central CHM provides effective global information services to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2010*
2. *National CHMs provide effective information services to facilitate the implementation of the NBSAPs*
3. *Partners significantly expand the CHM network and services*



Decision X/15 - CHM Objectives

Objectives contributing to the achievement of each goal:

1. **Sustainability:** always a key factor
2. **High-quality websites:** the main visible product
3. **Information exchange:** the clearing-house engine
4. **Networks of experts and practitioners:** the human dimension
5. **Guidance and support:** to assist Parties and partners



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1. *The central CHM provides effective global information services to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2010*
 - 1.1 SCBD has the capacity to sustain an effective central CHM
 - 1.2 A high-quality CBD website is available in all UN languages
 - 1.3 Effective information exchange services are fully operational
 - 1.4 SCBD facilitates the development of a network of experts & practitioners
 - 1.5 Guidance is available to exchange information through the CHM network

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2. National CHMs provide effective information services to facilitate the implementation of the NBSAPs

2.1 All Parties have the capacity to sustain effective national CHMs

2.2 High-quality national CHM websites are available

2.3 National information is exchanged through the CHM network

2.4 Parties collaborate and share knowledge through the CHM network

2.5 Partners and SCBD have contributed to the development of national CHMs

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3. *Partner significantly expand the CHM network an services*
- 3.1 Partners can sustain their participation in the CHM
- 3.2 High-quality regional and thematic CHM websites are available
- 3.3 Partner information is exchanged through the CHM network
- 3.4 Partners collaborate and share knowledge through the CHM network

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- **Context → Big picture**
 - Purpose & role of the CHM
 - What to achieve
- **Next → How to achieve it**
 - Today*
 - Learn about NBSAP
 - Learn about each country's experience and vision
 - Tomorrow & other days*
 - CHM Guidance and work programme
 - Tools & best practices
 - Brainstorming discussions
 - Training
 - Last day*
 - Recommendations
- **Questions & comments**

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Thank you



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