



Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM)



***Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee
to the Clearing-House Mechanism***

13-14 June 2014

Montreal, Canada



United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

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Welcome !

Representative of the Executive Secretary

Mr. Ravi Sharma

Head, Implementation and Technical Support

Suggested self-introduction

1. Name
2. Country / organization
3. Job title
4. Involvement in CHM
5. Potential contribution to this meeting
6. Special comments / expectations

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2. Organizational Matters

2.1. Election of Chair

- Proposals from the floor are welcome

2.2. Adoption of the Agenda

- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2014/1/1 Agenda
- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2014/1/1/Add.1 Annotations

2.3. Organization of Work

- UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2014/1/1/Add.1 Annex I

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2.2. Adoption of the Agenda

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2. Organizational matters
3. Background and objectives
4. **Goal 1: Central CHM**
 - 4.1. Information exchange services
 - 4.2. Common formats and metadata
 - 4.3. Strategic discussion and priorities
5. **Goal 2: National CHMs**
 - 5.1. National experiences
 - 5.2. Support to NBSAP implementation
 - 5.3. Capacity-building for national CHMs
 - 5.4. Strategic discussion and priorities
6. **Goal 3: CHM network**
 - 6.1. Partner contributions
 - 6.2. Strategic discussion and priorities
7. Other matters
8. Conclusion and recommendations
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Friday 13 June 2014

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>
9:00 - 9:30	<i>Registration and welcome</i>
9:30 - 10:30	1. Opening 2. Organizational matters 3. Background & objectives
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 - 12:30	4. Goal 1: Central CHM 4.1. Information exchange services
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 - 15:30	4. Goal 1: Central CHM (continued) 4.2. Common formats and metadata
15:30 - 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 - 17:00	4. Goal 1. Central CHM (continued) 4.3. Strategic discussion and priorities

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Time	Item
9:30 - 10:30	5. Goal 2: National CHMs 5.1. National experiences 5.2. Support to NBSAP implementation
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 - 12:30	4. Goal 2. National CHMs (continued) 5.3. Capacity-building for national CHMs 5.4. Strategic discussion and priorities
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 - 15:30	6. CHM Network 6.1. Partner contributions 6.2. Strategic discussion and priorities
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15:45 - 17:00	7. Other matters 8. Conclusions & recommendations
17:00	9. Closure

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3. Background - Documents

- **CHM Programme**
 - Proposed work programme for the CHM in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/31)
 - Report of the last CHM-IAC (UNEP/CBD/2012/1/2)
 - Progress report on the CHM (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3/Add.2)
- **Central CHM**
 - Information services of the central CHM (UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/3)
 - Common formats and metadata (UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2014/1/INF/1)
- **National CHM**
 - Report of the regional workshop for Latin American countries
 - Report of the regional workshop for Caribbean countries
 - Report of the regional workshop for African countries
 - Report of the coordination meeting of the Belgian partnership

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Art. 13 - Education & Public Awareness

Art. 16 - Access to & Transfer of Technology

Art. 17 - Exchange of Information

Art. 18 - Technical & Scientific Cooperation

... Other Relevant Articles ...

Art. 26 - Reports

CHM

Vision

By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people.

Mission

Take effective and urgent action to halt the loss of biodiversity in order to ensure that by 2020 ecosystems are resilient and continue to provide essential services, thereby securing the planet's variety of life, and contributing to human well-being, and poverty eradication ...

STRATEGIC GOAL A:

Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity

STRATEGIC GOAL B:

Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use

STRATEGIC GOAL C:

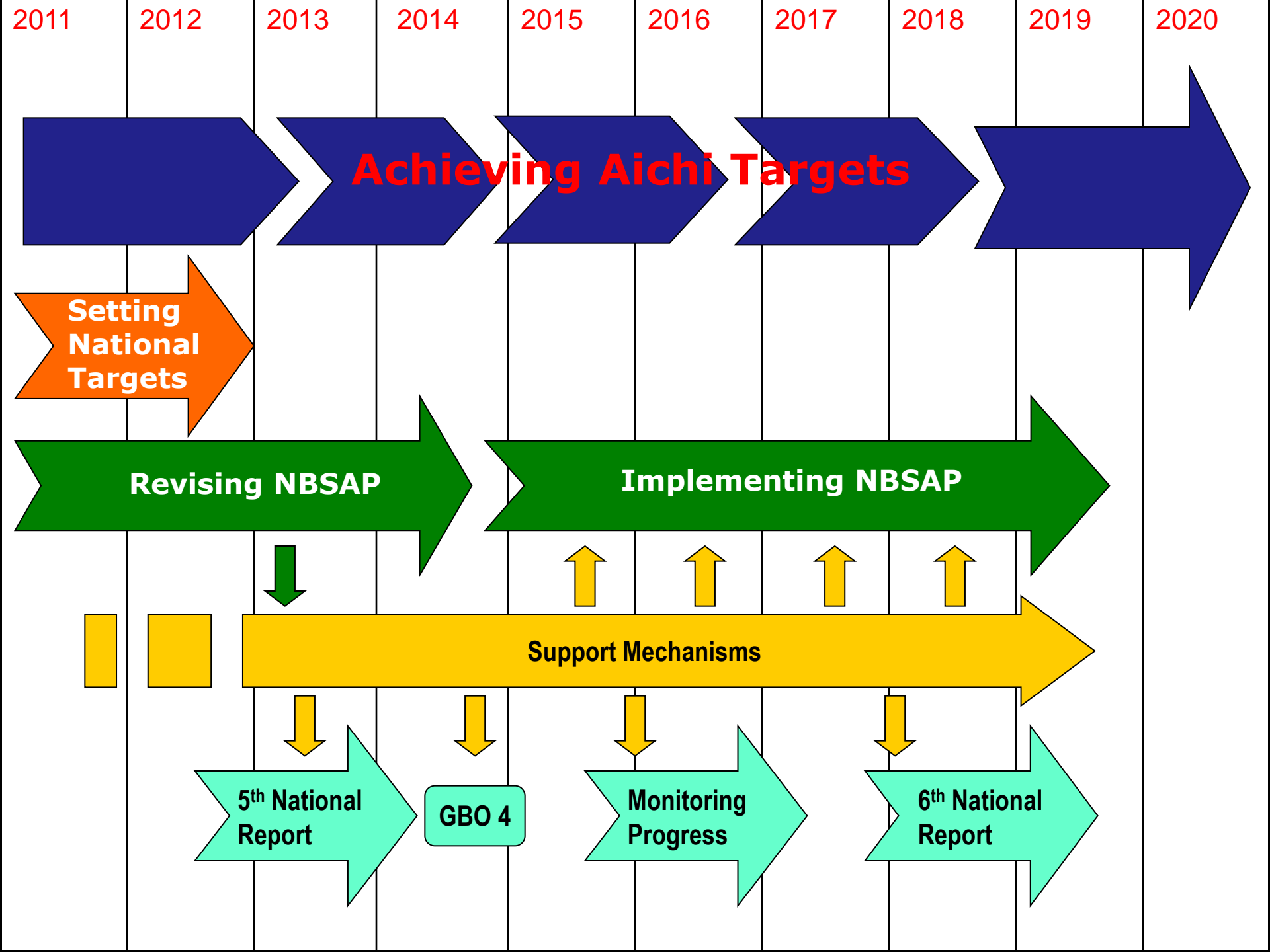
Improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity

STRATEGIC GOAL D:

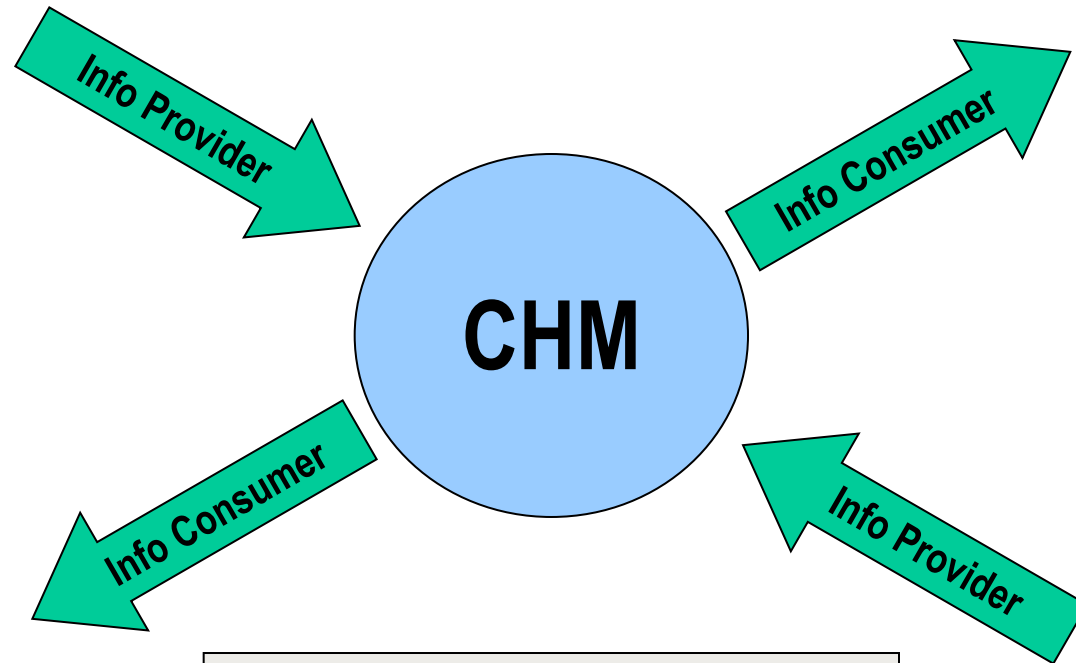
Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services

STRATEGIC GOAL E: Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity-building

Support Mechanisms



3. Background - Clearing-House Features



Two-way exchange

- ✓ Search engine
- ✓ Submission
- ✓ Aggregation
- ✓ Interoperability
- ✓ Match-making

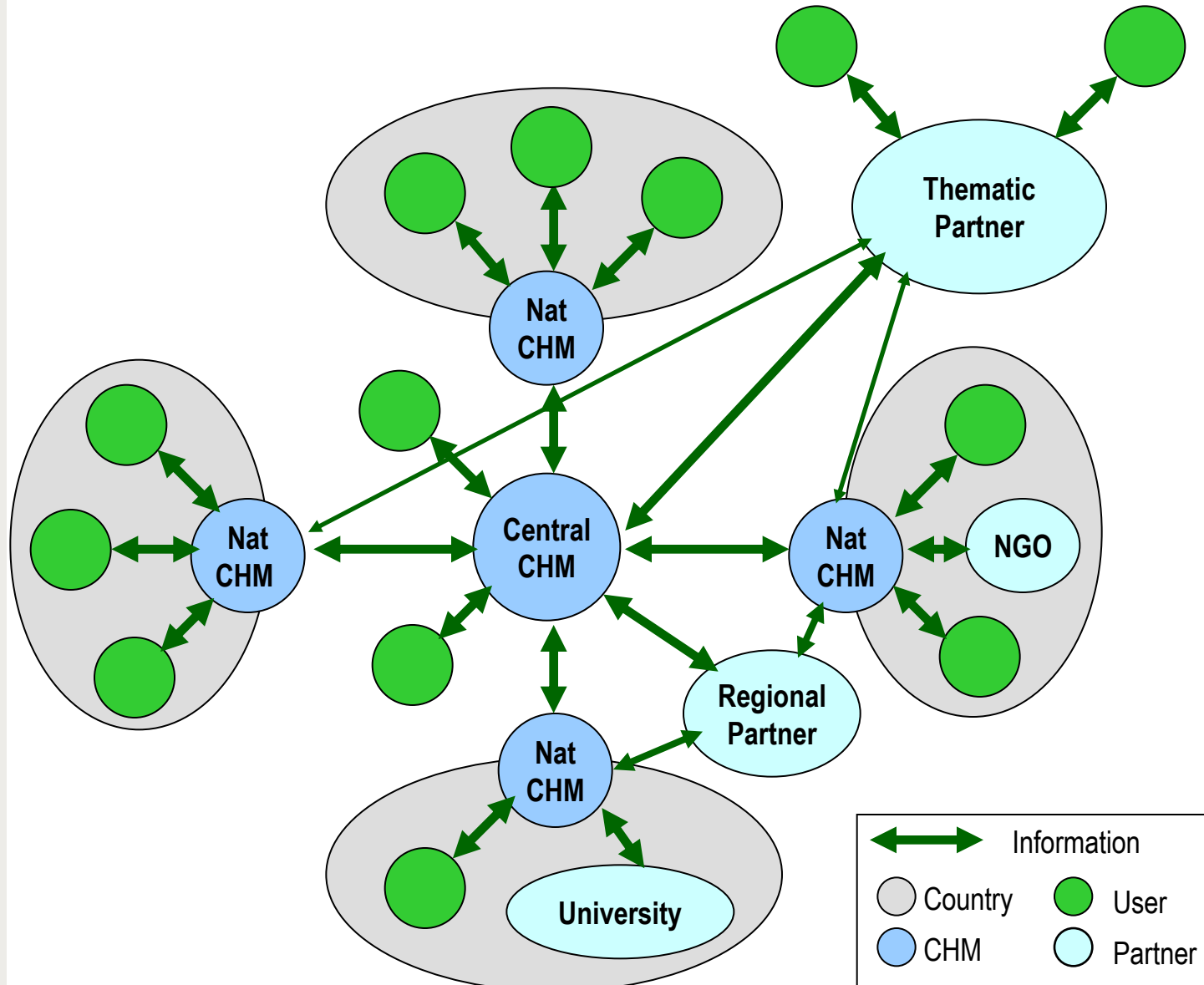
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3. Background - CHM Mission (X/15)

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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. Background - CHM Goals (X/15)

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*

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3. Background - CHM-IAC Mandate

- **Decision III/4**
 - CHM-IAC established
 - To assist in the functioning of the CHM
- **Operational procedures in annex of decision VII/23**

Provide guidance to the Executive Secretary with the following objectives:

 - (a) Provide advice on matters relating to the CHM
 - (b) Facilitate the development and implementation of guidance from the COP concerning the CHM
 - (c) Facilitate and encourage cooperation
 - (d) Advise on means to facilitate the implementation of the CHM at the national level
 - (e) Enhance the scientific and technical cooperation benefits

3. Background - Objectives of the Meeting

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- **Activities & Opportunities**
 - Review the implementation of the CHM work programme
 - Collect feedback from Parties and partners
 - Share views, comments and ideas in an informal way.
 - Understand key CHM issues for WGRI 5 discussions
- **Expected Outcome → Recommendations to ES**
 - How to improve CHM implementation and impact
 - Recommend activities until COP 12 and beyond

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4. Goal 1: Central CHM

CHM Goal 1

The central CHM provides effective global information services to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Agenda sub-items

- 4.1. Information exchange services
- 4.2. Common formats and metadata
- 4.3. Strategic discussion and priorities

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4.1. Information exchange services

- **Background**
 - Specifications in UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/3
 - Progress summarized in UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3/Add.2
<http://chm.cbd.int> (new CHM services under development)
 - Presentation
- **Discussion**
 - How to improve the information services of the central CHM?

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4.2. Common formats and metadata

- **Background**
 - Described in UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2014/1/INF/1
 - Presentation of formats
- **Discussion**
 - How to improve the common formats and metadata?

4.3. Strategic discussion and priorities

CHM Goal 1

The central CHM provides effective global information services to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

How to achieve CHM Goal 1?

→ Identification of recommended priority activities

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4.3. Strategic discussion and priorities

WGRI 5 Recommendation on the CHM

The WGRI,

- *Recalling the **work programme for the CHM** in support of the SPfB and its recommended activities,*
- *Taking note of the progress report on the CHM,*
- *Aware of the need to prioritize further developments of the central CHM due to limited available resources,*
- *Emphasizing the importance of **providing effective information services** that contribute to the implementation of the SPfB and to the NBSAPs,*
 1. *Invites Parties and partners to **submit information** through the central CHM and to provide **user feedback** whenever possible;*
 2. *Recommends that the ES continue to develop the **information services of the central CHM**, taking into account **user feedback** and **recommendations from the CHM-IAC**.*

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CHM Goal 2

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

Agenda sub-items

- 5.1. National experiences
- 5.2. Support to NBSAP implementation
- 5.3. Capacity-building for national CHMs
- 5.4. Strategic discussion and priorities

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5.1. National experiences

- **Background**
 - Establishing and sustaining a national CHM is a major undertaking
 - Experiences shared through workshops (national presentations)
 - Parties' representatives invited to summarize their experiences
- **Discussion**
 - How should Parties undertake the development of their national CHM?
 - How could they best benefit from the experience of other Parties?

5.2. Support to NBSAP implementation

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- **Background**
 - A national CHM is expected to complement the central CHM in order to support NBSAP implementation
 - Presentation of possible ways to do so
- **Discussion**
 - How can a national CHM effectively support NBSAP implementation?

5.3. Capacity-building for national CHMs

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- **Background**
 - 3 regional CHM workshops since last COP (funded by Japan)
 - Latin America (Colombia, 6-10 May 2013)
 - Caribbean (St Lucia, 16-20 September 2013)
 - Africa (Cameroon, 5-9 May 2014)
 - Belgian partnership for the CHM
- **Discussion**
 - How to improve capacity-building?

5.4. Strategic discussion and priorities

CHM Goal 2

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

How to achieve CHM Goal 2?

→ Identification of recommended priority activities

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CHM Goal 3

Partners significantly expand the CHM network and services

Agenda sub-items

- 6.1. Partners' contributions
- 6.2. Strategic discussion and priorities

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6.1. Partners' contributions

- **Background**
 - EEA <http://biodiversity.europa.eu> (BISE)
CHM Portal Toolkit
 - UNEP www.inforMEA.org (MEA-IKM)
www.unep.org/uneplive (UNEP Live)
 - UNDP <http://nbsapforum.net> (NBSAP Forum)
 - ACB <http://chm.aseanbiodiversity.org>
 - OIF www.mediaterre.org/biodiversite
- **Discussion**
 - How could the CHM further benefit from partners' contributions?

6.2. Strategic discussion and priorities

CHM Goal 3

Partners significantly expand the CHM network and services

How to achieve CHM Goal 3?

→ Identification of recommended priority activities

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Possible additional matters

- **CHM discussion at WGRI 5**
 - Monday 16 June - Morning session
- **CHM side event at WGRI 5**
 - Thursday 19 June - 13:15 - Room 6 (Level 3)
- **Next CHM-IAC at COP 12**
 - Possibly Sunday before COP 12

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6. Conclusions and Recommendations

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- Recap & synthesis of recommendations
- Any further suggestions?

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***Thank you
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