Bio-Bridge Initiative
## Presentation at the CHM-IAC

May 1, 2016

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
  - Article18 and related Articles (16, 17 and 19)
  - Achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- BBI is a **"laboratory of innovation to address Parties TSC needs"**

BBI Team

Steering Group

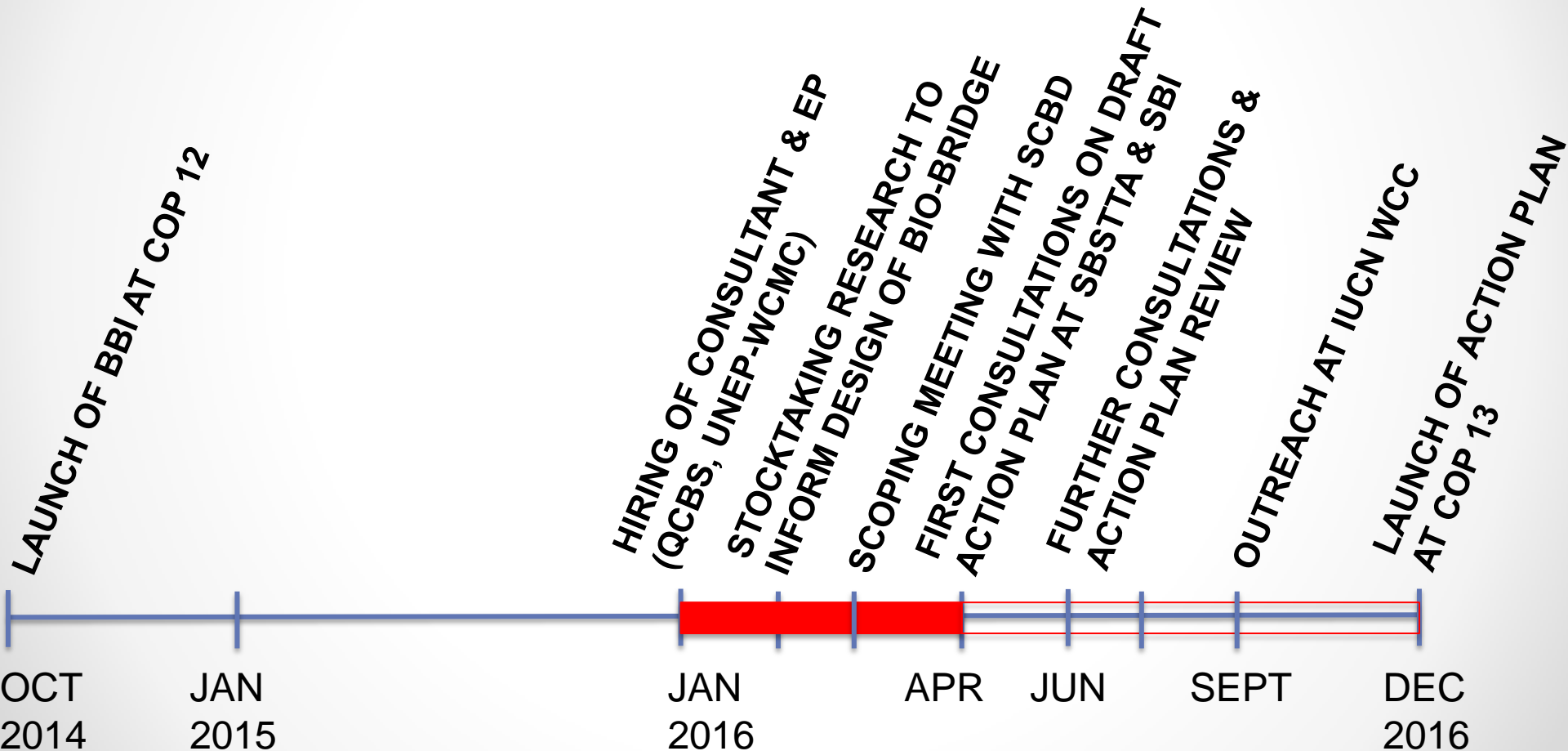**Government of the Republic of Korea**

CBD Secretariat
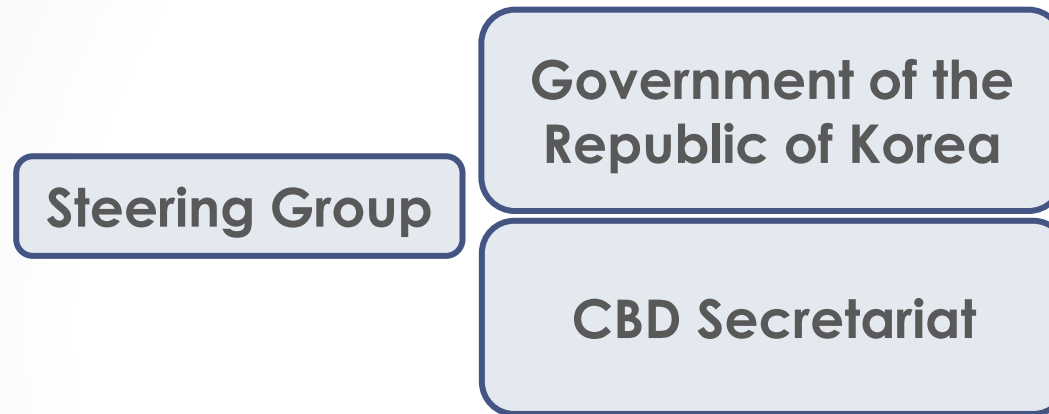
External Partner: *Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Sciences and UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre*
Contracted to:
✓ Research and develop BBI Action Plan 2016-2020
✓ Explore partnerships that will be formalized by SCBD

BBI Timeline

LAUNCH OF BBI AT COP 12

HIRING OF CONSULTANT & EP
(QCBS, UNEP-WCMC)

STOCKTAKING RESEARCH TO
INFORM DESIGN OF BIO-BRIDGE

SCOPING MEETING WITH SCBD

FIRST CONSULTATIONS ON DRAFT
ACTION PLAN AT SBSTTA & SBI

FURTHER CONSULTATIONS &
ACTION PLAN REVIEW

OUTREACH AT IUCN WCC

LAUNCH OF ACTION PLAN
AT COP 13

| OCT 2014 | JAN 2015 | JAN 2016 | APR | JUN | SEPT | DEC 2016 |

Qualities of BBI as a TSC platform
(derived from CBD documents and interviews)

- **Accessible, overarching mechanism** to address TSC needs within CBD (Party presents need, BBI responds with options for support)

- **Integrated systematic support** for needs articulation, proposal development, matchmaking, and promotion of **good practices**

- Client-oriented **"help desk"** providing flexible support through a range of options

- Focus on **regional cooperation,** support and matchmaking, through partner institutions and networks

- Prioritizes resources to meet the needs of **developing countries**, but accessible to all countries

- **Does not duplicate** work of other programmes/mechanisms, but works in synergy with them, building on their experience

- **Long term**, and **sustainable**

BBI Draft Action Plan Outline

Proposed BBI Vision

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

Proposed BBI Mission

"BBI will promote and enable more systematic and sustainable technical and scientific cooperation among Parties, by linking priority needs with options for support through effective partnerships and networks of national, regional and global organisations and institutions with expertise in biodiversity and ecosystem services."

Proposed strategy for achieving BBI's Vision and Mission

- BBI is driven by Parties' needs
- BBI is NOT a funding mechanism

→Focus will be on first steps of TSC: catalyzing TSC by supporting the articulation of needs, supporting the development of robust project proposals, matching needs with relevant partners, mobilizing external resources

→Action Plan needs to identify a strategy and set of activities and partnerships that will leverage core project funding to support many TSC initiatives

Proposed objectives for organizing activities

1. **Facilitate** the articulation of Parties' needs and **match** them with sources of expertise and funding from regional and global networks

2. **Catalyze** action and cooperation among Parties

3. **Provide** an evolving framework for capturing and sharing TSC 'good practices'

1. Matchmaking
through regional and global institutions and networks

ACTIVITIES & TOOLS:

- Accessible, **user-friendly website**

- **Help Desk**(s)

  o **Central help desk** to assist with the articulation of needs, elaboration of TSC proposals and matchmaking (liaise with SCBD)

  o **Regional Help Desk** support for greater accessibility, locally-relevant responses, lasting cooperation

- **Partner institutions and networks** involved for broad impact

Range of Matchmaking Approaches facilitated by Help Desk

SIMPLE

COMPLEX

BBI RESPONSE OPTIONS

1. Quick response directly from help desk

2. Suggestion of bright spot project as model to replicate (with or without support for adapting methods to local context)

3. Matching need with existing programmes, working groups, mechanisms within CBD that can provide a response (e.g. if capacity building is needed)

4. Matching need with existing programmes, working groups and mechanisms external to CBD for certain topics (e.g. climate change → CTCN, ecosystem services → BES-Net or IPBES matchmaking)

5. New matchmaking project developed with external partners

2. Inspiring action & cooperation

ACTIVITIES:

- **Mobilization of partner institutions and networks** to initiate and catalyze TSC

- **Communication and outreach** to networks and countries

- **Coordination with capacity-building programmes and initiatives** to complement TSC activities

TOOLS:

- Regional meetings to bring countries together around specific issues

- Themes, competitions, calls for participation

- Inspiring stories, replicable projects

3. Continuous evaluation
of impact of TSC approaches

ACTIVITIES & TOOLS:

- **Pilot projects** using different approaches
  - Learning by doing
  - Experiment with form of response, cost, who's involved, piggy-backing on other initiatives, etc.
  - Evaluation of impacts from different TSC approaches
- Framework for **'good' practices** in TSC

Proposed Operational Structure

- Steering and Advisory Committees
- **Technical Support Unit with Help Desk**
- **Potential regional Help Desk(s) to support matchmaking**
- Established partnerships with relevant institutions and networks

→ Action Plan will include:

- Governance framework
- Operational roadmap (yearly targets, budget, activities)
- Evaluation of BBI (process, indicators)
- Plan for sustainability, fundraising to leverage core funding

Looking for feedback on:

- How should BBI relate to the CHM, both globally and within the CHM network, so that they can become mutually supportive?

- How can the BBI team work most effectively with the secretariat and IAC to benefit from collaboration, and avoid duplication of effort?

- What practical considerations need to be taken into account when planning for a BBI Help Desk and technical support unit?