

Why is Knowledge Management and the Clearing-House Mechanism on the SBI 4 agenda?

Parties to the Convention will consider an updated programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism, and an updated knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Biodiversity Plan.

SBI 4 is expected to adopt recommendations on these items for consideration by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16).

What is Knowledge Management and the Clearing-House Mechanism?

[Target 21](#) of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Biodiversity Plan) calls on governments and stakeholders to ensure that the best available data, information and knowledge are accessible to decision-makers, practitioners and the public. Knowledge Management encompasses a range of processes, strategies and practices through which biodiversity-related data, information and knowledge are generated and collected, organized, curated, stored, and shared, and used or applied to achieve biodiversity conservation-related objectives and outcomes.

The Biosafety Clearing-House, referred to as the clearing house mechanism, is an online platform for exchanging information on Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) and a key tool for facilitating the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The purpose of the clearing-house mechanism is to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, facilitate exchange of information, support planning, monitoring, reporting and review and facilitate networking and collaboration.

Background

Target 21 of the Biodiversity Plan aims to ensure that the best available data, information, and knowledge are accessible to decision-makers, practitioners and the public to guide effective and informed planning and participatory management of biodiversity, and to strengthen communication, awareness-raising, monitoring, research, knowledge management and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities. This is particularly important for creating baselines, regularly assessing progress, and taking the necessary action for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources.

For additional information, please contact:

David Ainsworth at +1 514 5612720 or david.ainsworth@un.org

Important links:

<https://www.cbd.int/gbf/targets/21>

<https://www.cbd.int/km>