

Why is a review of the Convention and its Protocols on the SBI 4 agenda?

The governing bodies of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, namely the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, review, from time to time, the effectiveness of structures and their processes.

The establishment of the SBI itself was the result of such review and the subsequent [decision](#) taken by the Conference of the Parties. At its fourth meeting, the SBI will review the effectiveness of some areas of existing processes and is expected to make recommendations to COP 16 and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols.

The present review by SBI focuses on the experience in convening meetings in hybrid or fully virtual settings and possible options for better arrangements; options to improve meetings and negotiation processes, better follow-up of previous decisions, and better engagement with observers, and on the implementation of the Procedure for avoiding or managing conflict of interest in the work of expert groups and the need for any improvement in the Procedure.

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