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# Technical and Scientific Cooperation in the context of the CBD

Process whereby two or more countries pursue their individual or collective goals through cooperative exchanges of scientific knowledge, skills, resources and technical know-how

Under BBI, TSC includes:

- Development and strengthening of national capabilities
- Joint research programmes
- Joint ventures
- Transfer of technology and know-how

# Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences (RBINS) & multiple countries since 1998

**PURPOSE:** To share technical approaches to developing biodiversity information systems to contribute to information sharing and use in policy-making, communication, education and public awareness and generate scientific and technical cooperation

**OUTCOMES:** E-learning modules created, over 21 CHM websites developed, majority updated

**RESULTANT LONG-TERM COOPERATION:** Cooperation ongoing. Morocco now cooperating to support other countries to develop national CHMs.



# BBI – Main objectives

- Overarching programme to catalyze and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation (TSC) under the Convention and its Protocols.
- BBI will facilitate TSC by:
  - linking Parties' technical and scientific needs with institutions that are able to provide technical support and resources to meet those needs; and
  - creating the space for countries and institutions to share knowledge, good practices and lessons learned.

# A tool to facilitate sharing of effective mainstreaming approaches

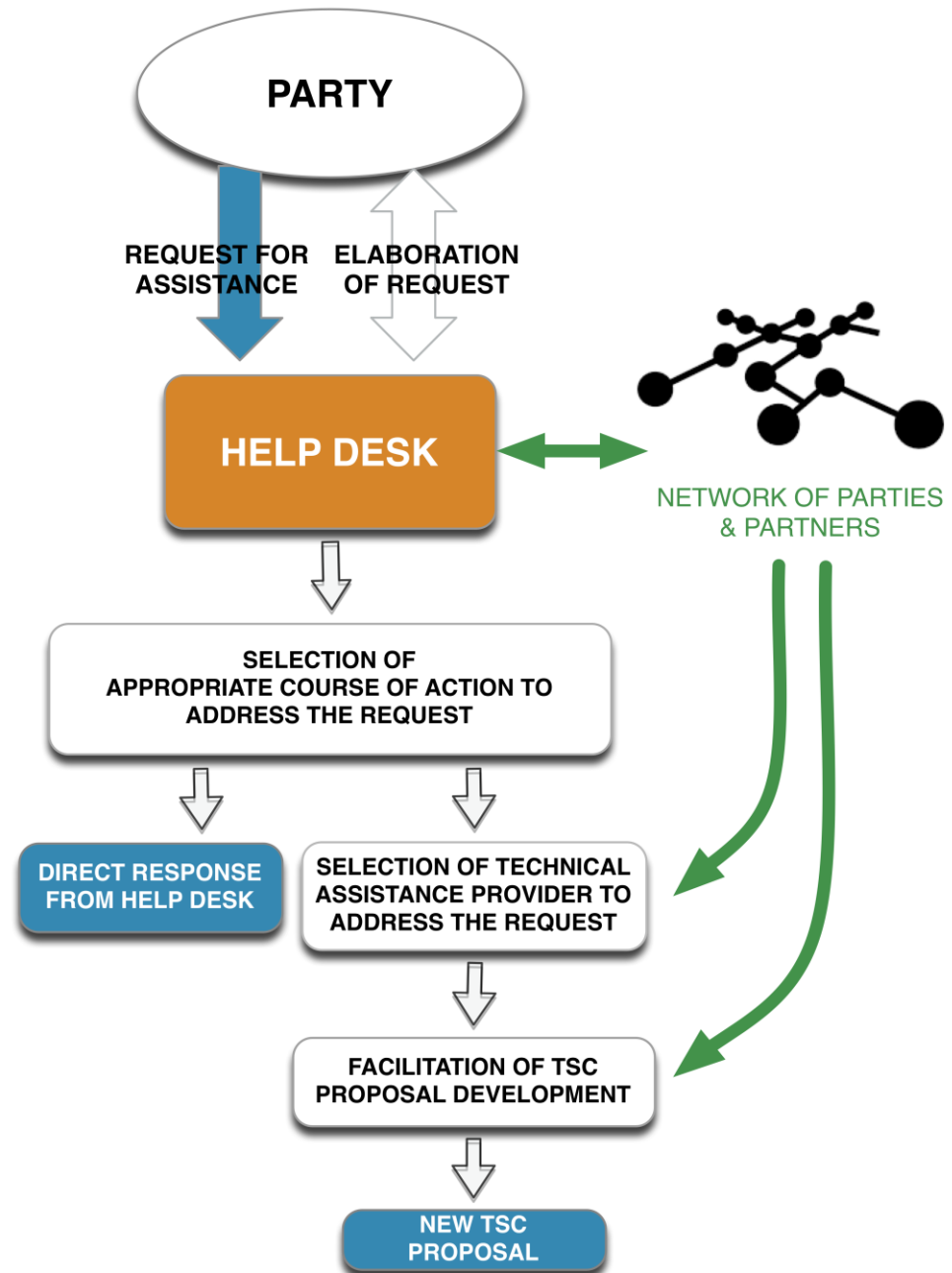
## Requires:

- the identification of effective, replicable approaches (roadmap?)
- The adaptation of effective approaches to specific contexts
- Willingness of countries/institutions with success stories to share approaches with other countries/institutions
- Long-term cooperation relationships to support uptake, adaptation and implementation of knowledge, know-how, technologies, etc.

# BBI Tools

- Web platform
  - curated searchable resources with links to other sites/tools
  - case studies
  - online community
- Help desk
  - quick answers to simple questions about TSC opportunities and resources
  - matchmaking service to link countries' needs to institutions with needed expertise
- Regional meetings and support
  - catalyze new cooperation
  - provide support from within regions

# Process for accessing BBI help desk



# Beneficiaries of BBI services

- Parties to the Convention and its Protocols
- Priority for assistance will be given to:
  - Developing countries, in particular:
    - least developed countries
    - small island developing states
  - Countries with economies in transition; and
  - Indigenous peoples and local communities.



# Providers of technical assistance

## May include:

- governments
- intergovernmental organizations
- NGOs
- regional organizations
- academic institutions
- development assistance agencies
- foundations
- private sector companies

## Key to facilitating technical support will be:

- Existing CBD partnerships (e.g. CSP)
- Building a network of networks to quickly identify relevant expertise, resources
- Regional networks (e.g. to promote south-south cooperation)

# What is unique about BBI?

- A **help desk** with staff available to assist and direct Parties in their search for technical and scientific expertise and resources
- **Decentralized** support mechanisms through regional hubs and networks, maintained by partner institutions
- A **catalytic** programme designed to facilitate **many** TSC initiatives among countries and institutions
- A **network** approach to identifying relevant expertise and resources

# When can Parties submit requests for assistance?

A central help desk will begin receiving requests for assistance in 2017.

Visit <https://www.cbd.int/biobridge> for updates.

Email: [biobridge@cbd.int](mailto:biobridge@cbd.int)

More information on the



## **COP Information document 21**

Bio-Bridge Initiative Action Plan 2017-2020 and Report on Progress Towards the Implementation of the Initiative

## **COP Information document 22**

Stocktaking Summary of the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Needs of Parties, Previous Work Carried out Under the Convention and Initiatives Relevant to the Bio-Bridge Initiative.