



# Role of a CBD SBSTTA National Focal Point

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# Terms of Reference – National Focal Points of the CBD\*



Recognizing that **Parties determine the specific responsibilities of their national focal points**, notes that the primary function of national focal points is to **act as liaisons with the Secretariat on behalf of their Parties** and in so doing, they are responsible for:

- (a) Receiving and disseminating **information** related to the Convention;
- (b) Ensuring that Parties are **represented** at meetings under the Convention;
- (c) **Identifying experts** to participate in ad hoc technical expert groups, assessment processes and other processes under the Convention;
- (d) **Responding** to other requests for input by Parties from the Conference of the Parties and the Secretariat;
- (e) **Collaborating** with national focal points in other countries to facilitate implementation of the Convention;
- (f) Monitoring, promoting and/or facilitating **national implementation** of the Convention;

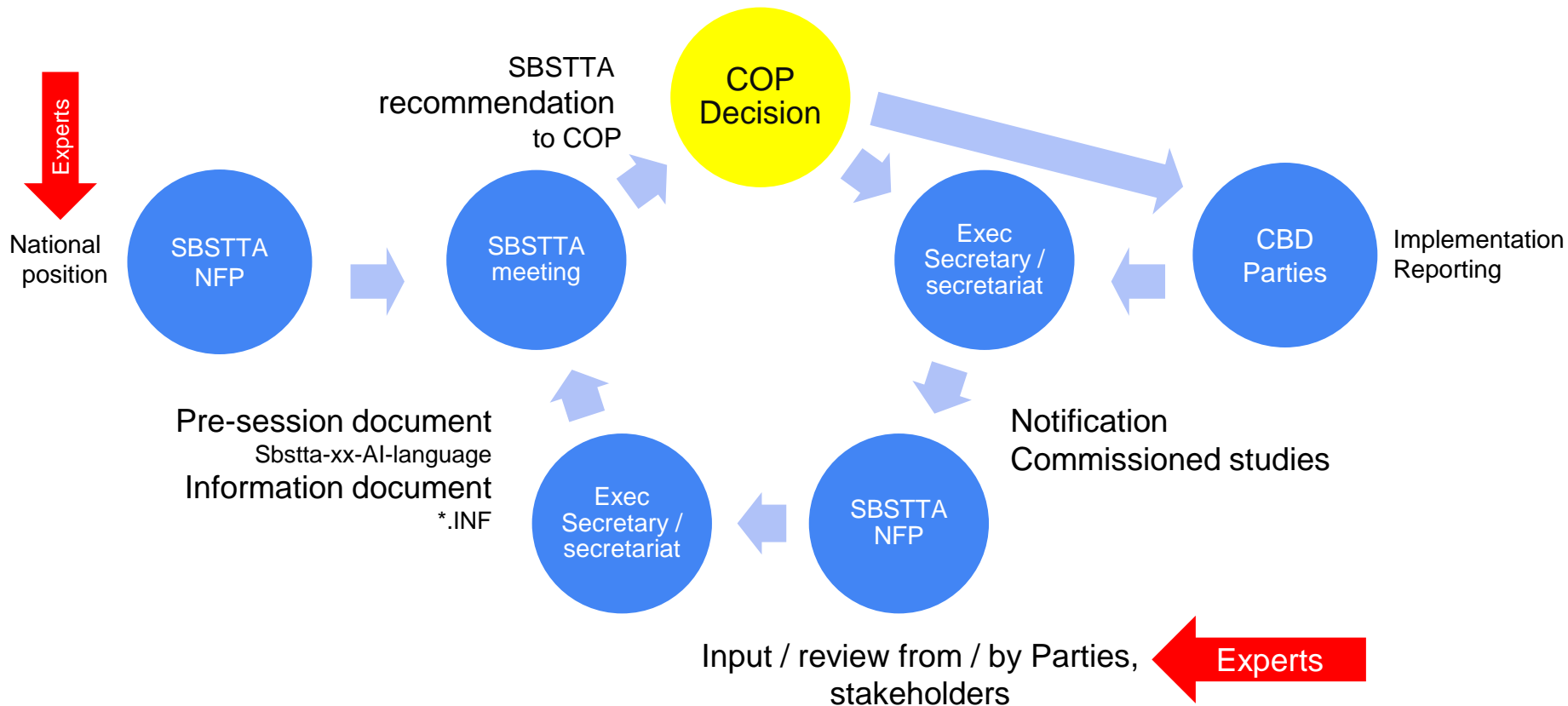
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# Terms of Reference – NFP for SBSTTA



- (a) Developing links and **facilitating information exchange**, between the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and **relevant regional and national agencies and experts**;
- (b) **Responding to requests for input** from the Conference of the Parties and the Secretariat related to scientific, technical and technological issues;
- (c) **Communicating and collaborating with focal points** for the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice **in other countries** to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body and to facilitate implementation of the Convention;
- (d) **Collaborating with other national-level focal points** for the Convention on Biological Diversity and focal points **from other biodiversity-related conventions** to facilitate implementation of the Convention at the national level.

# How does it work?



# Thank you for your attention!

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