



PROJECT FOR SUSTAINABLE CAPACITY BUILDING FOR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING HOUSE

REGISTERING INFORMATION ON THE
BCH

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WHY DO WE PUBLISH INFORMATION ON THE BCH?

- In accordance with Article 20(3) of the Cartagena Protocol, each Party should make available to the BCH certain categories of information. These include:
 - Any existing laws, regulations and guidelines for implementation of the Protocol, as well as information required by the Parties for the advance informed agreement procedure;
 - Any bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements and arrangements;
 - Summaries of its risk assessments or environmental reviews of LMOs generated by its regulatory process, including, where appropriate, relevant information regarding products thereof;
 - Its final decisions regarding the importation or release of LMOs; and
 - Reports submitted by it pursuant to Article 33, including those on implementation of the advance informed agreement procedure.

WHY DO WE PUBLISH INFORMATION ON THE BCH?

- Further information are required as per different articles of the protocol and include:
 - Illegal transboundary movements (Article 25)
 - Unintentional transboundary movements including a contact point for emergency measures (Article 17)
 - Competent National Authorities and National Focal Points (Article 19)
- Additionally, several BCH information requirements have been included in subsequent COP-MOPs decisions.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT ROLES OF BCH USERS?

- BCH Focal Points (NFP)
- National Authorized Users (NAU)
- General Users (GU)
- BCH Surfers

WHAT IS A BCH FP?

Annex D of the CPB-COPMOP decision BS/I-3.

- A person nominated to be responsible for coordinating with the CBD Secretariat regarding the development and implementation of the BCH and has the following function:

- Liaison with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the technical aspects of national participation in the BCH, as well as issues of relevance to the development and implementation of the BCH.
- Active clearance for publishing information registered on the Biosafety Clearing-House, including validation at a national level of records to make them publicly available through the central portal;
- Facilitation the establishment of a network of multi-sectoral partnerships and participants, as appropriate, in the implementation of the process of registering national information on the BCH.
- Register NAUs for his country on the BCH (where appropriate)

HOW DOES A COUNTRY DESIGNATE A BCH NFP?

- The BCH NFP is nominated through an official written communication addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity by the country's relevant authorities these include:
 - Government of the country
 - Focal Point of the Convention on Biological Diversity
 - Focal Point of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

- Based on this official communication, the Secretariat registers the BCH – NFP to the BCH and gives him credential to register national information and manage the National Authorized Users (NAUs).

WHAT IS A NAU?

- A person, registered in the BCH website by a NFP, who in the context of his/her country, has the authority to cooperate in registering national records in the BCH;
- He/she Works in coordination with the national focal point and may enter register national records on in the BCH, but these records will only be published after it has been validated and approved by the BCH-NFP;
- A country BCH NFP may designate as many NAU as needed

WHAT IS A GENERAL USER?

- A person who register himself on the BCH website to be able to:
 - Participate in BCH activities such as forums and online meetings
 - Subscribe to updates or newsletters
 - Register general information (reference records)
 - Practice on the BCH training website

WHAT IS A BCH SURFER?

- A person who navigates the BCH website anonymously to find information and search its databases.
- He cannot register information to the BCH or participate in any BCH activities until he registers himself to the website and logs in with his credentials

HOW IS INFORMATION PUBLISHED ON THE BCH?

- Information is registered in the form of records having a standardized structure (common format) to be filled with the required information.
- Common formats are intended to facilitate the indexing of information and its inclusion in databases which simplifies searching for and locating information in the BCH database

EXAMPLE OF COMMON FORMAT

Data entry form

Contact details of the focal point to be nominated	
1. Title:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Professor <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <Text entry>
2. Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.
3. First name:*	<Text entry>
4. Middle name:	<Text entry>
5. Last or Family name:*	<Text entry>
Work related information	
6. Job title:	<Text entry>
7. Employer / Organization*	<Text entry>
8. Organization acronym: ³	<Text entry>
9. Department / Division / Unit:	<Text entry>
10. Type of organization:	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> IGO Inter-Governmental Organization <input type="checkbox"/> NGO Non-Governmental Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Academic <input type="checkbox"/> UN United Nations Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <Text entry>
Coordinates	

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Fields marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

Personal Information

Please provide full names rather than only acronyms or initials.

Title	First Name	Middle Name	Last or Family name *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Job Title

Employer / Organization *	Acronym
<input type="text" value="EN"/>	<input type="text" value="EN"/>

Department / Division / Unit

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS ON THE BCH

- National records
- Reference records

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS ON THE BCH

- National records

- Have official and mandatory information
- Can only be registered by National Focal points and National authorized users
- Must be approved for publishing by the country's BCH Focal Point

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS ON THE BCH

- Reference records

- Have voluntary information
- Can be registered by any user such as NFP, NAU and general users such as researchers or/and non-governmental organizations
- Are published after being checked by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

National records

The following records can be registered and directly published by BCH National Focal Points (BCH-NFPs) in the BCH. National Authorized Users can also register these records subject to validation by the BCH-NFP prior to publication

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National Focal Points

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB-NFP), Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-NFP) or Contact points for unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Art. 17)

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National Biosafety Website or Database

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Reference records

The following records can be registered by any registered user subject to validation by the Secretariat prior to publication

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HOW TO REGISTER FOR GENERAL USER BCH ACCOUNT?

Demonstration on the Biosafety Clearing-House website

<https://bch.cbd.int/>

HOW TO REGISTER A RECORD ON THE BCH USING THE MANAGEMENT CENTER?

Exercise: Registering a news record on the BCH management center

HOW TO REGISTER RECORDS ON THE BCH?

Demonstration on the Biosafety Clearing-House website

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The BCH Management Center

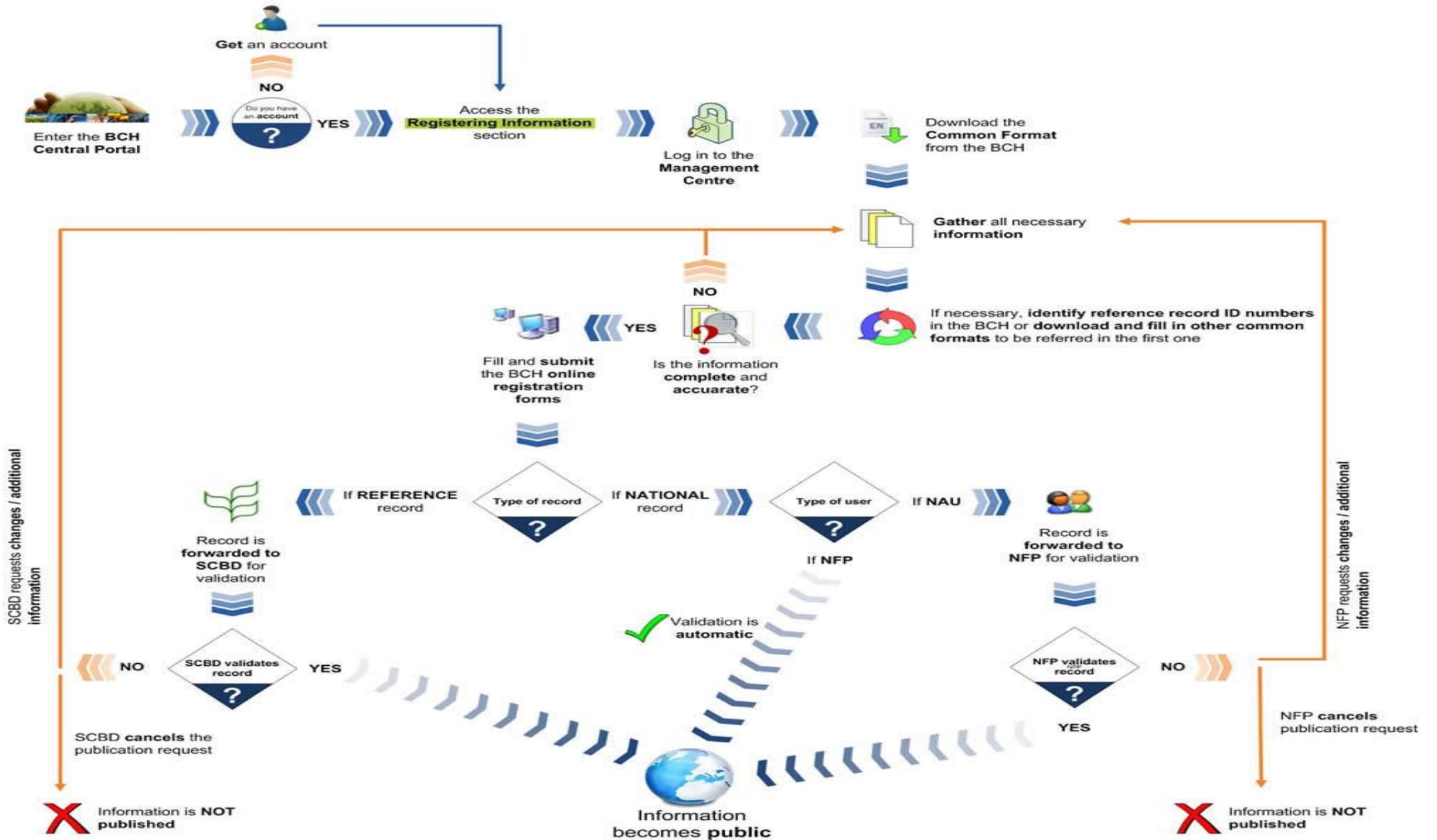
TRAINING SITE OF THE BCH

Demonstration on the Training site of the Biosafety Clearing-House

<https://bch.cbd.int/resources/trainingsite.shtml>

Exercise:

- Create a news record on the training site, using a national authorized user account, save as a draft, modify and submit for publishing.
- Using a NFP account modify and publish the same record



RELEVANT AVAILABLE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- Training manuals:
 - Training manual no 6, 7 and 8
- Case studies:
 - Case studies no 4,5,6,14,16,17,18,23,25 and 26
- Ready reference guides:
 - Ready reference guides no 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13.