Governing body and Subsidiary bodies

The Conference of the Parties should be the governing body of the instrument. The COP and subsidiary bodies created by the instrument should have universal participation as they are of utmost importance for the implementation of the instrument and should therefore be as inclusive and democratic as possible.

Those bodies should have functions corresponding to the instrument. For that reason, functions should be further developed and defined in accordance with the negotiations in the context of the INC on the instrument.

Having said that, we already know that the new instrument will need to count on technical and scientific expertise, based on the best available science and traditional knowledge.

The instrument should establish subsidiary bodies, which would function on a regular basis, to address all corresponding technical and scientific issues as well as topics related to technological innovations.

The instrument must also count on a clearing-house mechanism – a platform for the exchange of knowledge and technologies - through which Parties shall endeavor to cooperate.

Any implementation and/or compliance mechanism should be of a facilitative, non-punitive and supportive nature. It should assist developing countries and monitor the effective flow of financial, technical and technological resources to those countries.