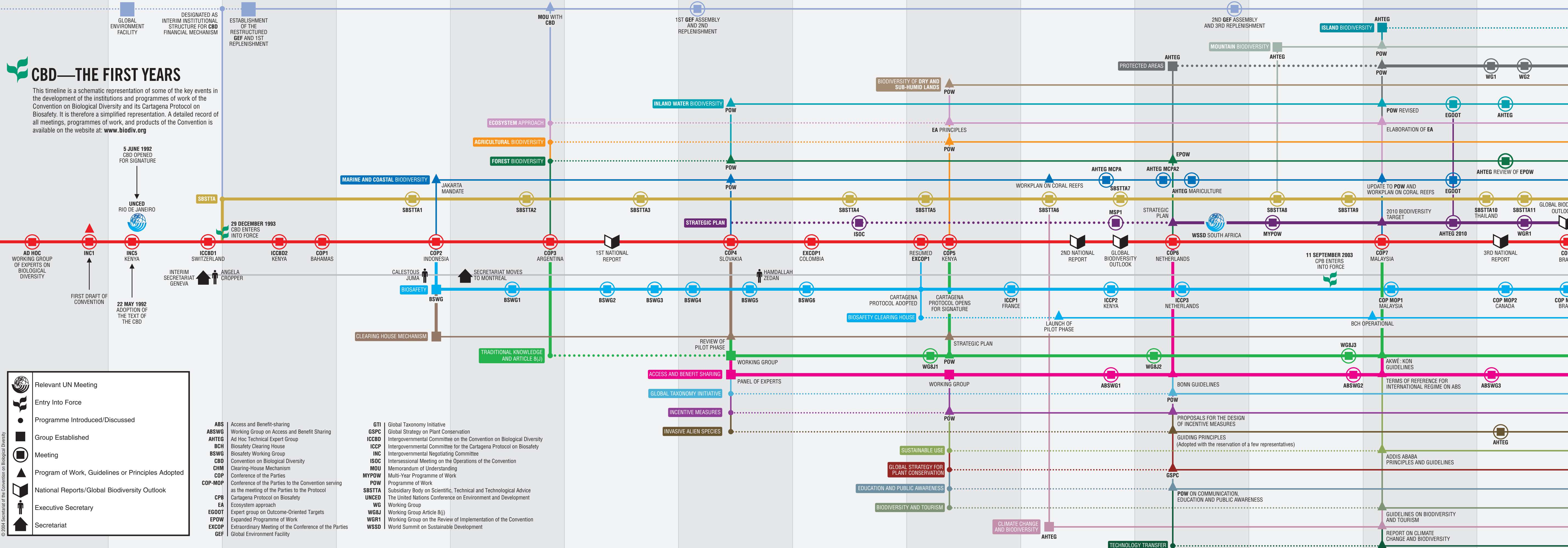


# CBD—THE FIRST YEARS

This timeline is a schematic representation of some of the key events in the development of the institutions and programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. It is therefore a simplified representation. A detailed record of all meetings, programmes of work, and products of the Convention is available on the website at: [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org)



	Relevant UN Meeting
	Entry Into Force
	Programme Introduced/Discussed
	Group Established
	Meeting
	Program of Work, Guidelines or Principles Adopted
	National Reports/Global Biodiversity Outlook
	Executive Secretary
	Secretariat

- ABS** Access and Benefit-sharing
- ABSWG** Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing
- AHTEG** Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group
- BCH** Biosafety Clearing House
- BSWG** Biosafety Working Group
- CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity
- CHM** Clearing-House Mechanism
- COP** Conference of the Parties
- COP-MOP** Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol
- CPB** Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- EA** Ecosystem approach
- EGOOT** Expert group on Outcome-Oriented Targets
- EPOW** Expanded Programme of Work
- EXCOP** Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- GEF** Global Environment Facility

- GTI** Global Taxonomy Initiative
- GSPC** Global Strategy on Plant Conservation
- ICCBD** Intergovernmental Committee on the Convention on Biological Diversity
- ICCP** Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- INC** Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
- ISOC** Intersessional Meeting on the Operations of the Convention
- MOU** Memorandum of Understanding
- MYPOW** Multi-Year Programme of Work
- POW** Programme of Work
- SBSTTA** Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
- UNCED** The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
- WG** Working Group
- WG&J** Working Group Article 8(j)
- WGR1** Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention
- WSSD** World Summit on Sustainable Development