

# Intersessional Work

## Possible considerations and modalities

The slides set out a number of considerations and questions for the INC in planning of the intersessional work.

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# Some possible guiding questions for advancing considerations on intersessional work

1. **What** intersessional work would be prioritized?
2. **When** is it needed?
3. **How** would this work be undertaken?

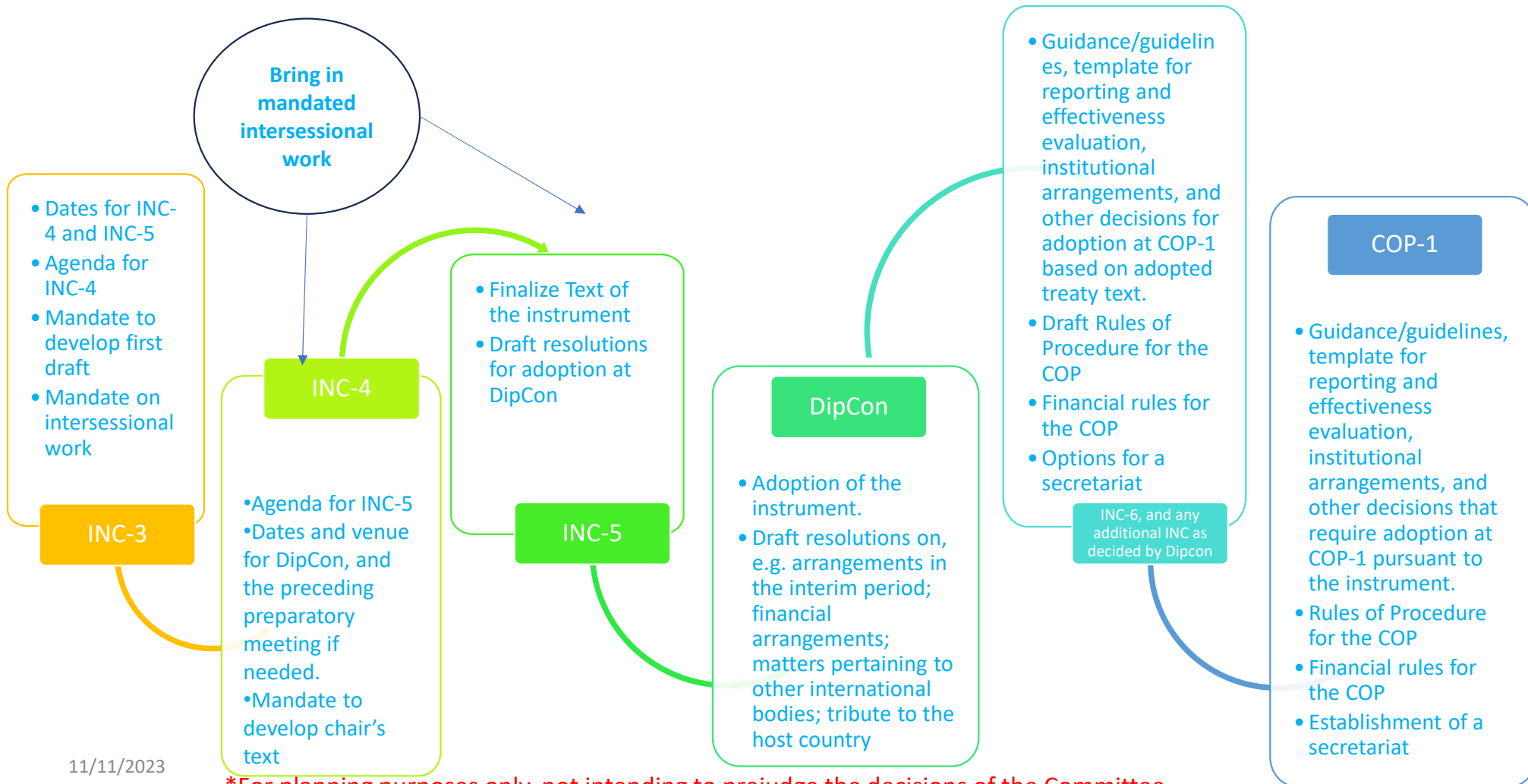
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## 1. What intersessional work would the INC prioritize?

- Certain topics already highlighted in:
  - i. Lists of possible intersessional work from INC-2 contact group discussions (see INC-2 meeting report)
  - ii. Submissions following INC-2 (template part B).
- Technical work could be focused on identified areas from the Zero Draft or possible annexes
- Taking into account time constraints and capacity of the secretariat.

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## 2. When - Timing for possible decisions for adoption up to COP-1



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### 3. How would this work be undertaken? (ie. modalities)

**Possibility to bring information into the process through Information Document(s)** for consideration at INC-4 or INC-5, with clearance from Chair. English only.

**Possible options for the modalities to develop such information:**

- i. Developed by mandated working groups (nominated technical groups, open-ended groups)
- ii. Secretariat produced Information Documents

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## Examples of types of working groups from other processes

- **CBD multidisciplinary ad hoc technical expert group on synthetic biology (AHTEG)** comprised of 45 experts, 30 nominated by Parties and 15 by Observers, established for the period to COP-16.
- **UNFCCC Transitional Committee**, comprises 24 members from Parties to the Convention and Paris Agreement, with 10 members from developed country Parties and 14 members from developing country Parties.
- **Minamata Convention:**
  - Meeting of experts on **financial resources and technical and implementation assistance**, attended by experts: 3 from Africa, 5 A-P, 2 EEG, 3 GRULAC and 6 WEOG.
  - **Products and processes (informal consultation)**. In the absence of an agreement to carry out intersessional work in this area at INC-3, some countries took the lead to host informal consultation in Tokyo in April 2012. The consultation involved approximately 20 experts.

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# Some options for modalities of working groups

Possible modalities	Considerations
<p><b>Expert working groups:</b> Nominated experts could work together to advance on technical topic(s) with focused mandate. English only.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experts could be nominated per region through the INC Bureau Members.</li> <li>- Possible considerations for the experts to be nominated. (i) Sufficient knowledge and expertise on the topic; (ii) drawn from academics, government officials; (iii) sub-regional and gender balance.</li> <li>- Meet (i) once face to face / may be back to back with INC-4; (ii) on-line; or (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Open-ended online working groups:</b> One nominated expert per Member, nominated by the Member, to advance on a specific mandate. English only.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No costs (covered by current staffing complement)</li> <li>- Timeline: January to September 2024</li> <li>- May be helpful in facilitating the sharing of views and/or information amongst experts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Regional meetings:</b> Could use the already planned regional consultations to facilitate the sharing of information from the Expert Working Group(s), to build understanding and/or to endorse outcome document(s) by regional groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Face to face meetings already planned in the regions.</li> <li>- Minimal additional costs (covered by already planned regional consultations).</li> <li>- Timeline: pre INC-4 and INC-5.</li> </ul>

## Some additional questions for possible consideration

- i. **What** are the priority topics and minimum requirements for outcomes of intersessional work to get agreement on an instrument at INC-5?
- ii. **What** is the expected output of intersessional work, and its expected contribution to the INC process? **When** would it need to be delivered?
- iii. Depending on the nature of the work to be undertaken, **how** would the work be undertaken? What modalities would be appropriate and who should participate?

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