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This short paper is intended as a Note on the experience of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture division in Clearing House Mechanisms.

In the BBNJ context, we note that key functionalities of a Clearing House Mechanism include:

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In which case it might be more straightforward to add BBNJ issues to existing platform discussions.

o other approaches, e.g. information sharing partnerships such as FIRMS or VME-DB that promote data sharing principles for a fair and equitable use of information across domains; e.g. a multisectoral decision support system platform such as iMarine with a public-private business model enabling data access, sharing and use, supported with established data access and sharing policies.

- BBNJ can foster international collaboration on data management, equity and privacy challenges posed by emerging technologies; on promotion of standards; on development of appropriate regulations, guidelines and best practices for information systems.