

A proposal for a new task force in ACM

Mutual Aid Association for mBRCs

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Objective

Promoting **accessibility** to microbial resources and **legal certainty** of the transfer by case studies, improved administration and collaboration among BRCs.

Background 1: Issues on accept deposition

As a public BRC of the government, we are expected to conduct lawful transfer of GRs.

Country of origin

Abroad

Depositor

Deposit

Distributor
(BRC)

Distribution

User

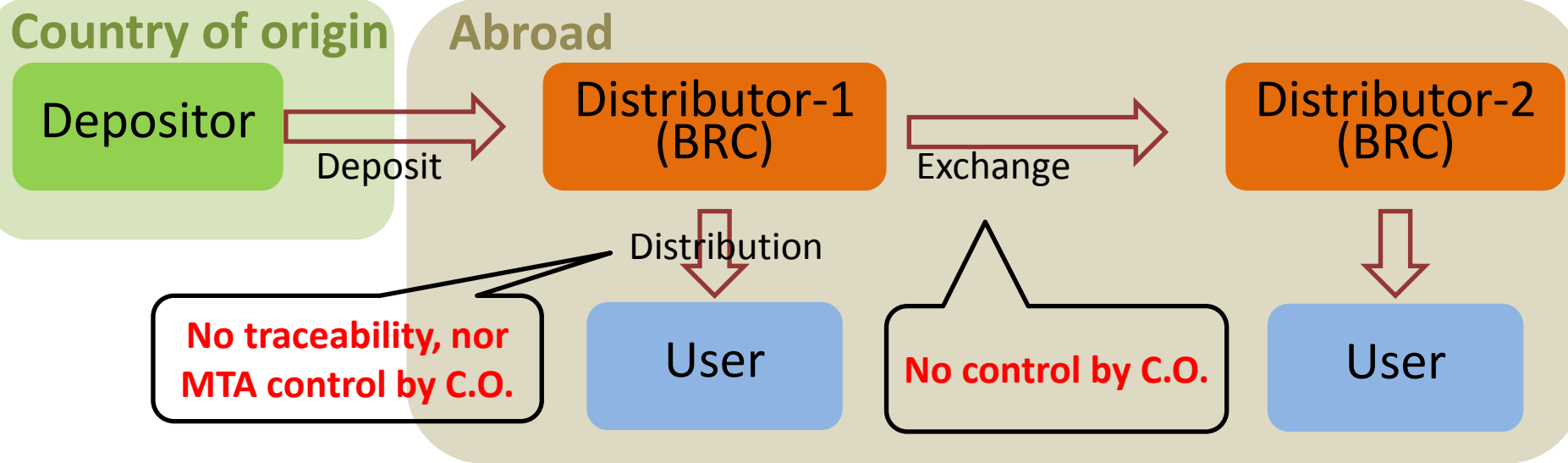
Compliance of deposition
is declared by depositor.

False Declaration may break
BRC's and User's compliance.

To qualify the Depositor's declaration, BRC needs to know the regulation of the Country of origin.

However, knowing ABS regulation of other countries is difficult.

Background 2: Issues for country of origin



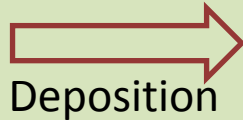
Under CBD & NP, deposition to an abroad BRC may become difficult as C. O. loses traceability and MTA- controllability.

C. O. may prefer to keep strains in the BRC of the country of origin and distribute to other countries.

Background 2: Issues for country of origin (future as optional)

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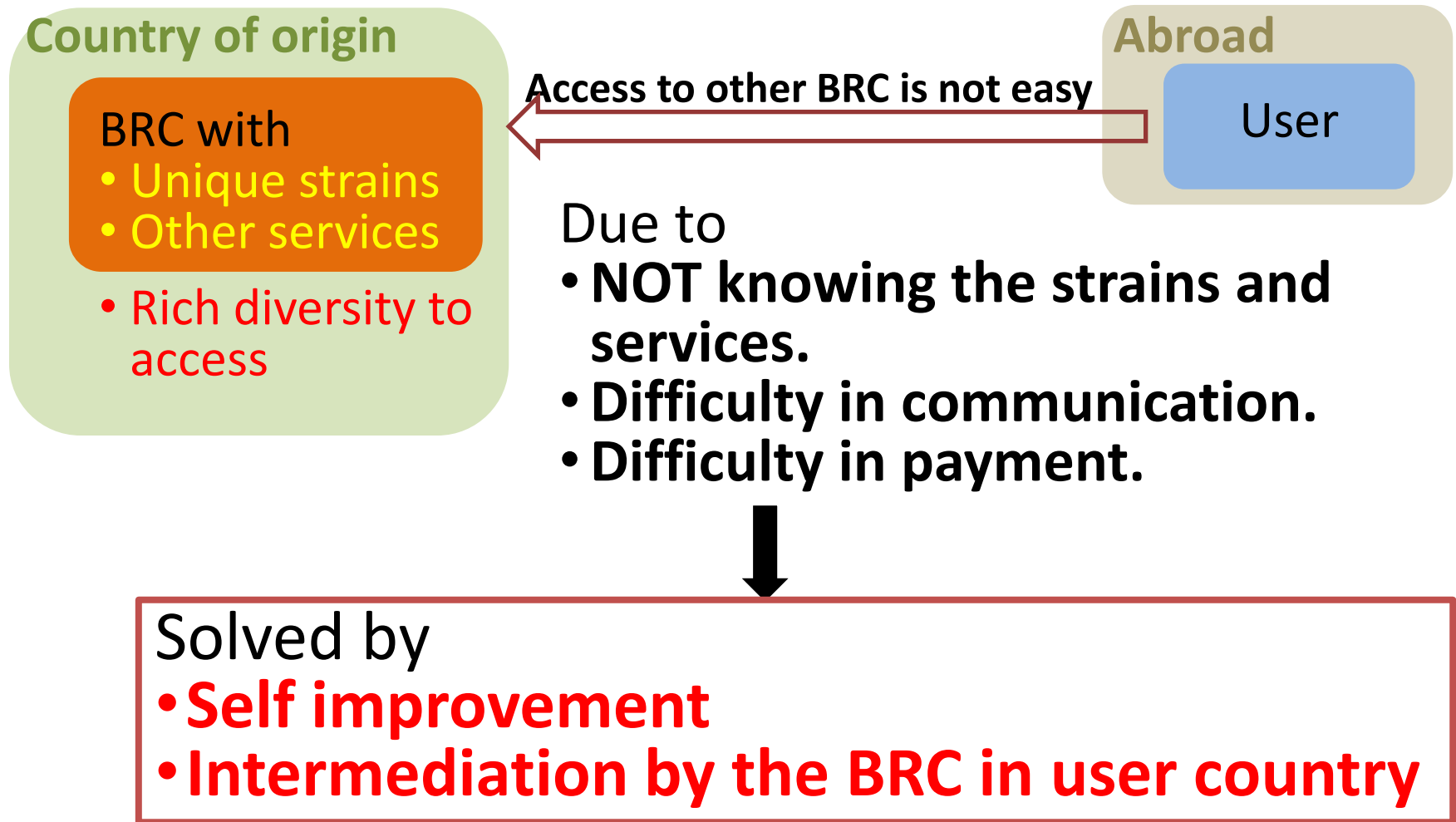
**Need qualified
CAPABILITY as public BRC.**

**Accept materials and distribute
internationally **with legal certainty.****

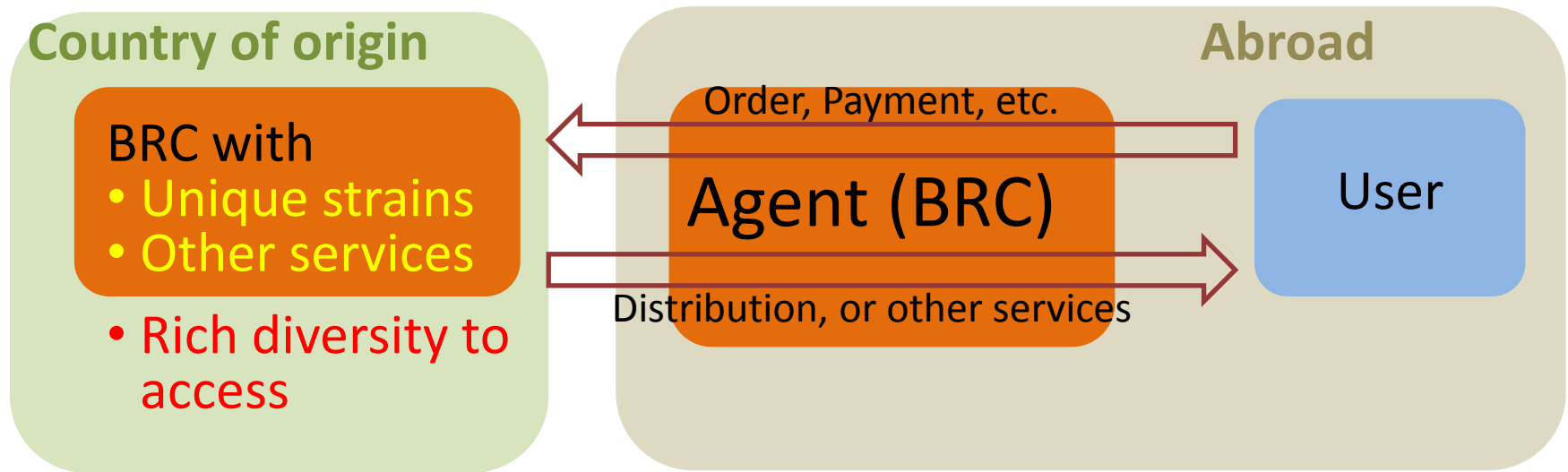
**Not only on scientific skills, but also ADMINISTRATIVE skills is
necessary for the lawful provision of GRs.**

Wasn't underestimated?

Background 3: Issue to access foreign BRC



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- **Intermediation by the BRC in user country may solve a part of the difficulty.**

Three pillars to do in the TF

- **Case studies to analyze current situation.**
 - **Improve administration for the better capability as BRC.**
 - **Developing collaboration and intermediation to meet user's needs**
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Homework and Group discussion
to solve our issues, and
to improve ourselves

Case studies to analyze current situation

- A. Figure out current transfers of microbial resources among member countries, by putting data from each mBRC.

- B. Case studies of hypothetical transfer of national microbes and following commercial use, to reveal national regulations (ABS, quarantine, etc.)

- C. Share the issues of international transfers as well as the unique circumstance of countries.

Improve administration for the better capability as BRC

D. Share the administrative flows and papers so that other members bring back a good practice to improve their tasks.

E. Reciprocally review the documents for deposition and distribution to find out better practices in agreements.

F. Be prepared for accept deposition, international distribution as well as the cases of commercial use.

Develop collaboration and intermediation to meet user's needs

H. Identify the services that each BRC provide internationally.

I. Introduce services provided by other members to domestic users.

J. BRC in the User country intermediate the provider BRC and users.

K. Case studies for further improvement.

Why NEW TF?

ABRCN-TF (Asian BRC Network)

REJECTED as its “NETWORK” means “INTERNET”.

MMT-TF (Management of Material Transfer)

REJECTED as it concentrates on NIEMA.

HRD-TF (Human Resource Development)

Confirmed possible collaboration for capacity building.

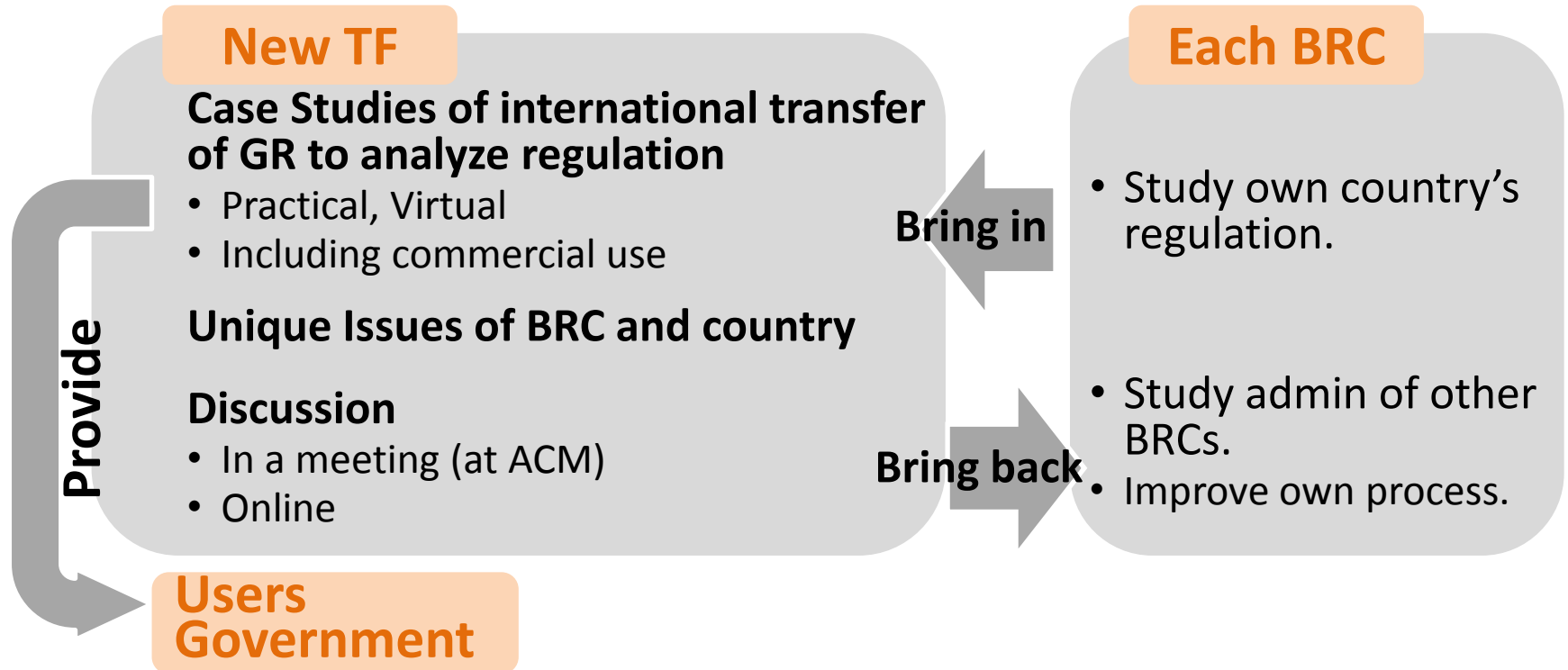
Summary 1

Regulation on GR is necessary for every BRC.

Make case studies to analyze the current situation.

Capacity building has been biased in science, but ADMINISTRATION is also very important as public BRC.

Share a good practice and bring back to home.

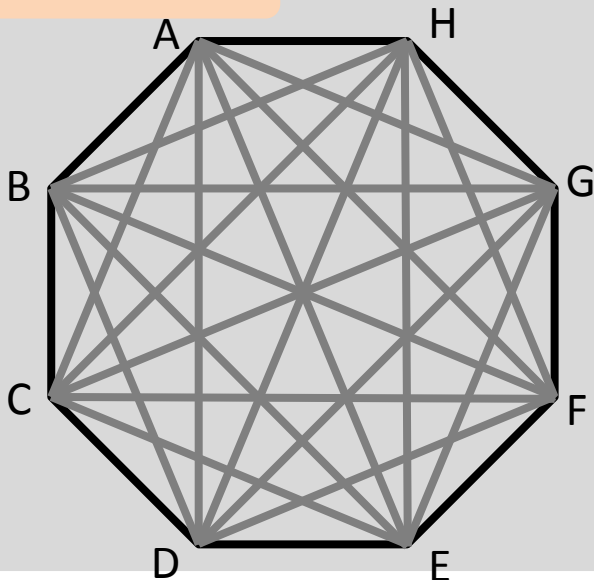


Summary 2

We did not know much about each other. Knowing other BRC may enhance our public role and user options.

**Knowing each other and
Develop collaboration to meet user's needs.**

New TF



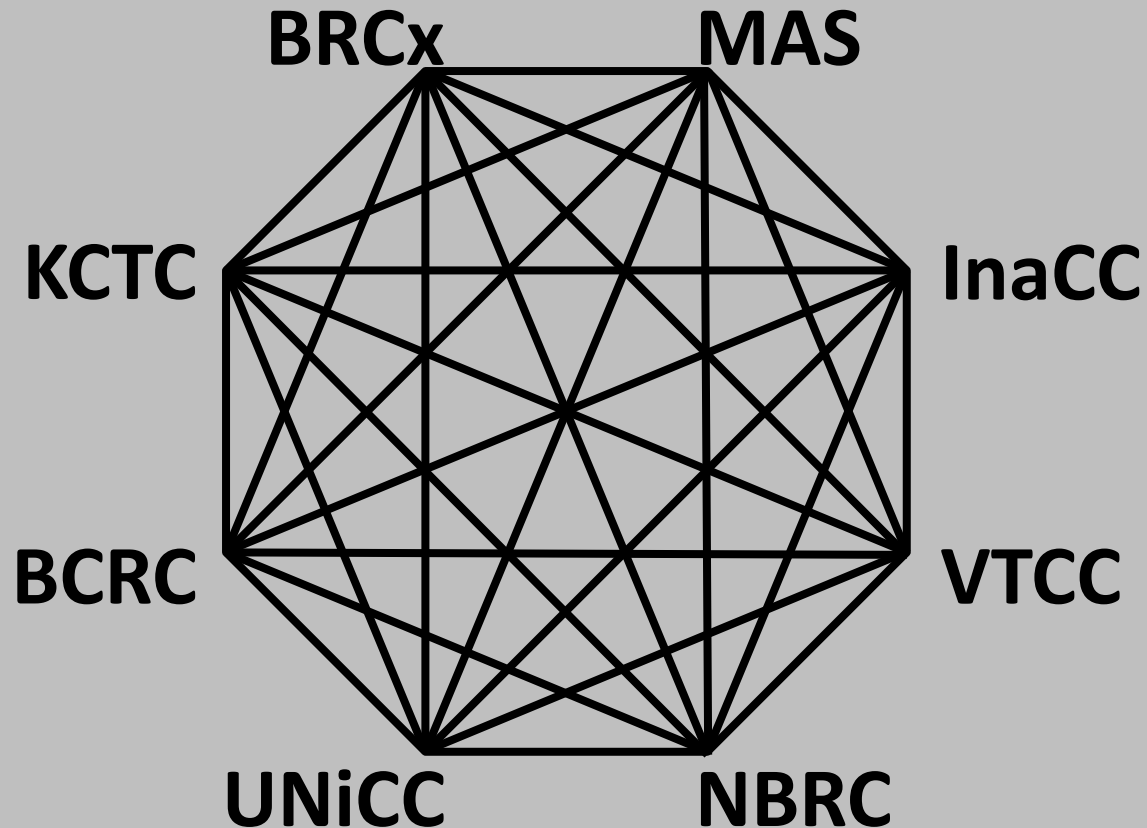
Develop collaboration by

- Identify the international services.
- Introduction of services of other members to domestic users.
- Intermediation of services by BRC.

Beyond

Alliance: Basic concept to govern BI and MULTI collaborations

1. Having BI-COORPORATIONS in a SINGLE rule for MULTI-partners.
2. No central point. Every Member EQUIVALENT.



Homework for next meeting

- (actual or hypothetical) Case studies for access to (*ex-* and *in-situ*) national GR by a foreigner and following commercial use.
- Identify the international services for international users, and issues to improve.
- Share the data for (Country) x (N. distribution) and (N. deposition) to reveal current situation of international transfer.

Thank you.