



# IPBES

From establishment to  
operationalization

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# Establishment and intersessional work agreed at the plenary meeting on IPBES

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# What will IPBES do?

## Four main functions:

- Catalyse knowledge generation
- Assessments
- Policy support
- Capacity building



## Overseen and supported by:

- Plenary
- Bureau
- Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP)
- Scientific community and other knowledge holders



# Under which principles will IPBES operate?

Address terrestrial, marine and inland water biodiversity and ecosystem services and their interactions

Inter- and multidisciplinary approach

Gender equity

Collaboration – avoiding duplication

Bottom-up

Full participation of developing countries

Policy-relevant but not policy-prescriptive

Scientific independence, credibility, relevance and legitimacy

Contribution of indigenous and local knowledge



## Structure of IPBES

- **Plenary** - decision making body of the platform. Open to UN States Members as Members, and to Observers.
- **Bureau** – overseeing administrative functions. Comprised of Chair, 4 vice-chairs and 5 additional members
- **Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP)** – overseeing scientific and technical functions. Interim composition of 5 members from each UN region, plus Chairs of MEA scientific subsidiary bodies and IPCC as observers.



## 95 Members of the Platform

**Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Yemen, Zimbabwe.**

## Resolving procedures :

- Rules of procedure
- Other procedures

## Preparation for the Platform's initial work programme:

- Capacity building needs
- Scoping process
- Catalogue and review of assessments
- Conceptual framework
- MEP structure





# Procedures supporting the platform operations

- **Rules of procedure for the plenary:** Suggestions on interim and remaining rules incorporated into draft updated Rules of Procedure
- **Other procedures:**
  - Policy and Procedures on observers
  - IPBES financial procedures
  - Procedure for preparation, review, acceptance, approval and publication of assessment reports and other deliverables
  - Conflict of interest policy





# Preparations for an initial work programme

To facilitate discussions on the initial work programme of IPBES, a series of intersessional elements were agreed in Panama:

- **Catalogue and overview of assessments**
- **Conceptual framework**
- **Capacity building needs, activities and partnerships**
- **Scoping process to take forwards requests**
- **Process for considering requests**



# Assessments and conceptual framework

- **Catalogue of assessments:** including relevant thematic and comprehensive assessments at the national, regional, subregional and global levels. *Online and ready for review by SGA practitioners.*
- **Review of the assessments:** critical review of scope, capacity building activities, integration of knowledge systems, policy impact, use of scenarios
- **Conceptual framework:** Background document available shortly for review.



## Processes for considering requests, and scoping

- **Receiving and prioritising requests:** Draft process for consideration, based on submitted views on the process for receiving and prioritising requests by the plenary.
- **Scoping process:** Draft process for consideration based on submitted views on the process and outputs for scoping potential assessments and other Platform activities once they had been prioritized by the plenary – *available online for review*



## Other inf docs for IPBES-1

- **Capacity building needs:** Submissions on capacity-building needs and suggestions for the activities and partnerships that might address those needs compiled, along with needs identified in national reports to the conventions.
- **MEP structure and composition:** Further deliberation on the structure and composition of the MEP, taking into account biogeographical considerations – *available online shortly for review.*



# IPBES-1 provisional agenda 21-26<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Bonn

1. Organizational matters (incl election of Bureau).
2. Rules and procedures:
  - (a) RoP for the Plenary;
  - (b) Policy and procedures for admission of observers.
3. Initial work programme of the Platform: Next steps; Procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests; Role of MEP; Possible institutional arrangements.
4. Nomination and selection of MEP.
5. Joint UN proposal for the Secretariat;
6. Link between the Platform and the UN.
7. Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform.



# Bureau and MEP nominations

## Nominations for Bureau (2 members per UN region):

- Africa: 6
- Asia: 2
- E Europe: 1
- LAC: 4
- WEOG: 2

## Nominations for MEP (5 members per UN region)

- Africa: 17
- Asia: 12
- E Europe: 0
- LAC: 9
- WEOG: 32

**Guidance document  
available.**

**Regional consultations  
(incl on 20<sup>th</sup> January)**



- **Contribute to the current review processes.**
- **Participate in IPBES-1 (21 to 26 Jan. 2013, Bonn Germany)**
- **Future contribution to implementation of IPBES work programme, which will depend on many thousands of scientists and policy makers.**



# Building on local, national and regional assessments







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