

The Sub-global Assessment (SGA) Network: The Hub Approach

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Why a Hub Approach?

- ❖ Growing needs
- ❖ Growing set of interests
- ❖ More information to manage
- ❖ Need for specific inputs to national, regional and global processes
- ❖ Requests for inputs to thematic assessment issues



The SGAN Hub Approach.....

Two-faceted:

- **Regional Hubs**
 - How to determine regional groupings?
- **Thematic hubs**
 - Indigenous and Local Knowledge
 - Scenarios
 - Valuation (?)
 - Ecological modeling
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The SGAN Hub Approach.....

Scaled-down work programme of SGA Network

- Identification of main gaps in knowledge and capacity
- Capacity building opportunities
- Provision of information
- Exchange of expertise, learning and information
- Assistance in mobilizing financial and technical capacity
- Catalyzing interest for new assessment work
- Support to work programmes of relevant regional and global processes
 - especially IPBES

Thoughts on the SGAN Hub Approach Supporting IPBES



- Opportunities for collaboration:
 - Regional (and sub-regional) Assessments
 - Capacity building
 - Catalyzing interest in national-level assessments
 - Knowledge generation
 - Identification of experts for global assessments

Expanding the Hub Approach

- Revitalizing the work of the LAC Hub
- Building a Hub for the SADC Region
- Establishing other regional Hubs?
- Development of Thematic Hubs?
- Ensuring synergies:
 - With the IPBES work programme
 - With other global, regional and national initiatives
 - Between and amongst Hubs

Considerations.....

- Institutional capacity and commitment to coordinate a Hub
- Interest of regional institutions/ individuals/ projects/ initiatives in being part Hubs
- Champions
- Common/ shared goals and objectives
 - Clearly defined and articulated
- Well-defined set of activities
- Funding



Thank you