



SIDE EVENT at IPBES-1: Synergies and benefits offered by the Sub-global Assessment (SGA) Network and TEEB for IPBES

Date: Wednesday 23rd January 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Press Briefing Area, World Convention Centre, Bonn, Germany

Organizers: Sub-global Assessment (SGA) Network Secretariat; and the Secretariat for The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)

Objectives: This event, facilitated by Dr. Claire Brown of UNEP-WCMC, and attended by approximately seventy-five participants of IPBES-1, was primarily designed to promote dialogue about the synergies between, and benefits offered by the SGA and TEEB networks for IPBES. Specifically, the session sought to:

- raise awareness about ecosystem assessment work that is currently underway at the sub-global levels;
- identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination between and amongst various networks, processes and initiatives, especially in the context of IPBES, in order to avoid duplication, and maximize the use of resources.

The Programme: Opening remarks were provided by Dr. Brown, and these were followed by two 10-minute presentations:

- (1) An overview of the SGA Network, its main activities, achievements and potential linkages with IPBES (*delivered by Keisha Garcia on behalf of the SGA Network Secretariat - this presentation is included as Annex 1*).
- (2) An overview of TEEB, and its potential linkages and benefits for IPBES (*delivered by Johannes Forster on behalf of the TEEB Network – this presentation is included as Annex 2*).

The 30-minute discussion period that followed the presentations included the following points:

- The importance of ensuring that attention is given to agriculture/ agricultural issues in sub-global assessments (especially at the national level)
- The need to explore a mechanism/ mechanisms for effective data basing, in order to improve access to data and information from sub-global assessments and studies, so that these can be used in processes such as the Global Environment Outlook and other relevant global/ regional processes
- The need to fully explore avenues for collaboration with related processes, namely the Man and Biosphere World Network of Sites (Biosphere Reserves), led by UNESCO
- The scope for inclusion of areas of the marine environment (e.g. sea mounts/ kelp forests) that are beyond national boundaries, and are not adequately captured in sub-global assessments to date
- The importance of the SGA and TEEB networks in encouraging and facilitating inter-regional exchange and learning
- The importance of capturing non-monetary values of biodiversity in decision-making
- The need to ensure that assessments do not overlook developing countries and the important work or lessons that may be available at the community level in these countries.

Following the session, several members of the audience indicated their interest in exploring areas for collaboration, and these were welcomed by both Networks.



Further information is available from:

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