

Developing a ‘Stakeholder Engagement Strategy’ for the IPBES work programme

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Outline



1. Why is stakeholder engagement so important?
2. The road to an IPBES ,Stakeholder Engagement Strategy‘
3. The current draft document
4. Status of the document in IPBES
5. Stakeholder engagement is now! – Ways and means to get involved into IPBES independently of the Strategy

1. Why stakeholder engagement? (1)

What's in it for IPBES?

Increase in

- **Policy relevance** (ensuring use of results)
- **Effectiveness** (gathering the best possible data set and knowledge)
- **Credibility** (quality, inclusiveness)
- **Legitimacy** (adequacy of procedures and representativeness of actors)

→ Overall success of IPBES

→ IPBES emerged from a multi-stakeholder process (3 meetings of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Consultation: Putrajaya 2008, Nairobi 2009, Busan 2010)



1. Why stakeholder engagement? (2)

What's in it for scientists and other knowledge holders?

- Make own **research relevant for policy and society**
- Increase **scientific reputation** through global visibility
- Integrative assessments / inclusion of different knowledge systems: increase own **holistic understanding** of researched issue
- Enhance **knowledge**
- Engage across the spectrum of scientists, disciplinarily and geographically → **intercultural and transdisciplinary skills & professional network**
- Enhance **communication skills**: meet policy-makers' needs
- **Exciting** to work in such an international high expert setting!



1. Why stakeholder engagement? (2)

Stakeholder Day Panama 2012 (2. Gründungsplenum):

- noted that “the interest and engagement of all relevant **stakeholders are key for the relevance, impact and legitimacy of IPBES**” and
- urged for “a **mechanism** that would ensure the full and effective participation of all stakeholders and rights holders in the work, the governance and the operations of the platform”



Stakeholder Day IPBES-1 Bonn, Januar 2013:

- but “**their key roles are not yet fully reflected** in the proposed rules, procedures and structures of the platform”
- urged for “the **development of** an appropriate **stakeholder engagement strategy** to be designed in close collaboration with the stakeholders”

2. Development of the SES (1)

IPBES-1: mandate to draft a stakeholder engagement strategy given to IUCN und ICSU

*IPBES Plenary "invites the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the International Council for Science (ICSU) to work with relevant stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities, and the private sector, and with the secretariat, **to prepare**, in consultation with the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, **a draft stakeholder engagement strategy for supporting the implementation of the work programme.**" (IPBES/1/12)*

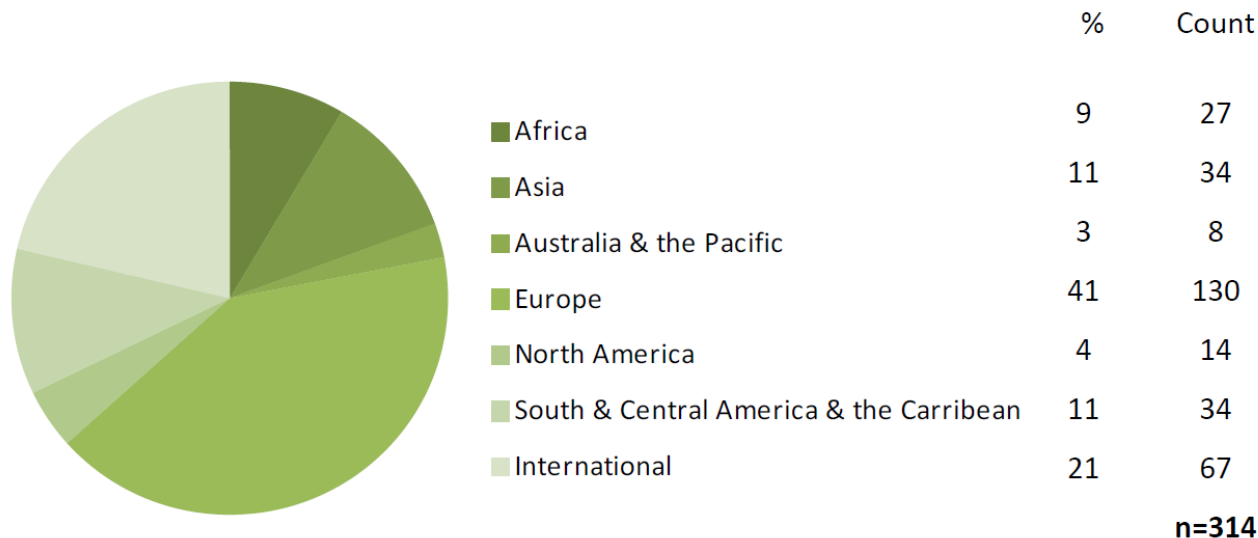
→ The mandate only covers the implementation of the work programme, not the (co-)design of it!

2. Development of the SES (2): timeline

(i)

(A) Stakeholder Online Survey (Mar 15 – April 17, 2013)

- Objective: collect views & options on institutional engagement in the implementation of the work programme
- Recipients: Participants in IPBES Plenaries, ICSU & IUCN members & partners (1500 invitations)
- Submission: 425 responses; 314 analysed



Source:
ICSU/IUCN 2013

2. Development of the SES (3)

Profile of responding organisations:

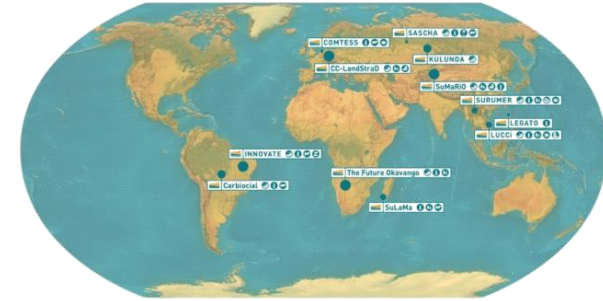
- Worldwide
- All scales represented
- Mostly related to conservation, natural resources management & scientific research

Engagement:

- 75% see themselves as SH (contributor or user)
- 72% potentially interested in a partnership
- Equal interest for the 4 functions

Incentives & enabling environment:

- Help to making IPBES relevant
- Provide expertise, networks, data
- Enter in a partnership with IPBES



2. Development of the SES (4): timeline

(ii)

- (B) Expert drafting workshop** (Apr 29-30, 2013) → *first draft*
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3. The current draft document (1)

Sections of the current SES (as submitted to IPBES-2)

I. Introduction

II. Objectives

A. Definition of stakeholders

B. Guiding principles

C. Strategic approaches

D. Implementation

Annex I Stakeholder identification

Annex II Indicative elements of an implementation plan

3. The current draft document (2)

II Objectives

- Support of the implementation of the IPBES Programme of Work in a **participatory, inclusive, and transparent manner**
- The strategy aims at identifying:
 - Guiding principles
 - Strategic approaches to increase the engagement of stakeholders
 - Modalities and processes to enable effective engagement

3. The current draft document (3)

A Definition of stakeholders

Institutions, organizations and groups that

- contribute to the activities of the work
- use the outcomes of the work programme
- encourage, facilitate and support the participation of relevant individuals in IPBES
- are affected, positively or negatively, by the implementation of the work programme

3. The current draft document (4)

C Strategic approaches

- Proactively identify and engage stakeholders
- Developing targeting approaches to address stakeholders' needs adequately
- Raise awareness through targeted approaches
- Build common understanding on how improved knowledge will support an effective science-policy interface
- Identifying and communicating benefits to engagement
- Secure commitment for the implementation of the work programme
- Develop strategic partnerships where this is identified as necessary and appropriate

3. The current draft document (6)

D Implementation – preliminary ideas

- Establishment of an **advisory committee**/task to support implementation of the SES
- **Support at secretariat level** for SES
- Create an **implementation plan** with regularly evaluation
- Implement activities through existing and emerging **networks**
- **Capacity building** for stakeholders
- Setting aside **sufficient budget**

4. Status of the document (1)

The SES in its current status was submitted to IPBES-2

- Expectations towards its adoption were high: develop action plan
- IPBES Stakeholder Days (Dec 7 – 8): Stakeholders and representatives of Governments and IPBES bodies showed great interest and support
- Plenary: stated great support when discussing the item
- Few basic concerns:
 - Parties: SES too broad, to be narrowed down to be efficient in application
 - Stakeholders: term ‘stakeholders’ discussed controversially:
 - i) ‘Stakeholder’ vs. ‘knowledge holder’
 - ii) legal status: ‘Stakeholders’ vs. ‘Indigenous Peoples’

4. Status of the document (1)

→ Finally, no adoption of SES by IPBES-2 → postponed to IPBES-3 (~ Jan 2015)

- Officially: due to time constraints
- Not reported: due to concerns of Parties and the controversial views on the term ‘stakeholder’

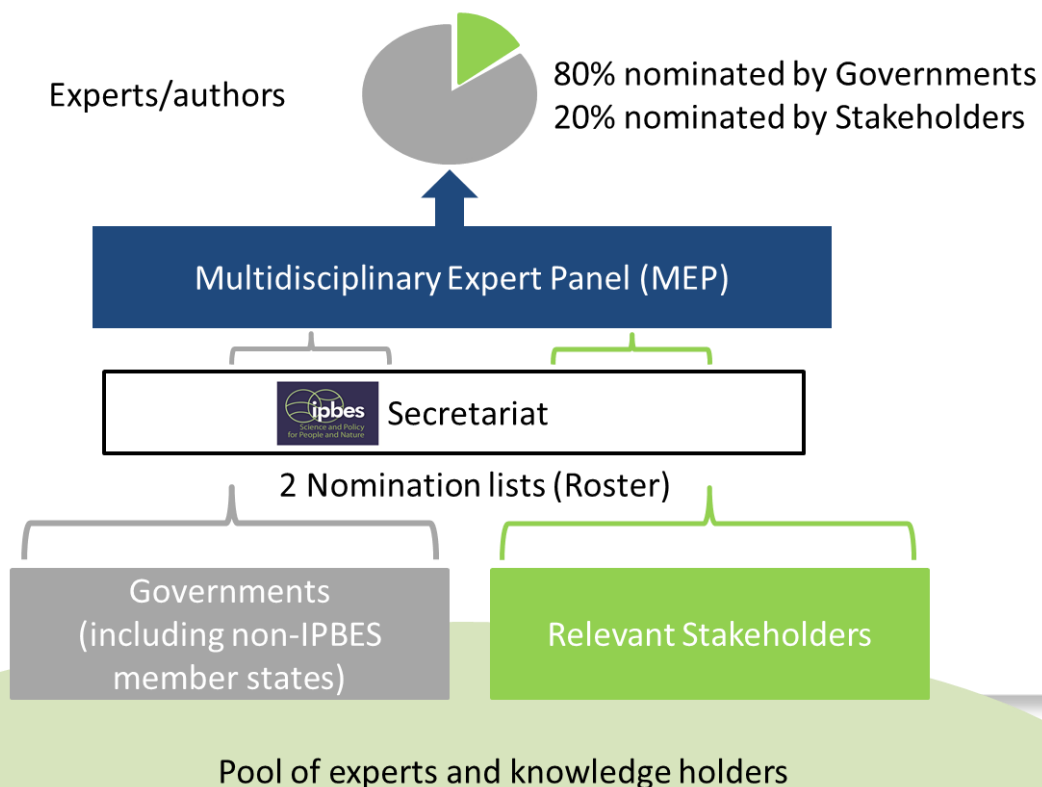


4. Status of the document (2)

Rules of Procedure:

stakeholder involvement in the preparation of IPBES' assessments and other deliverables highly debated

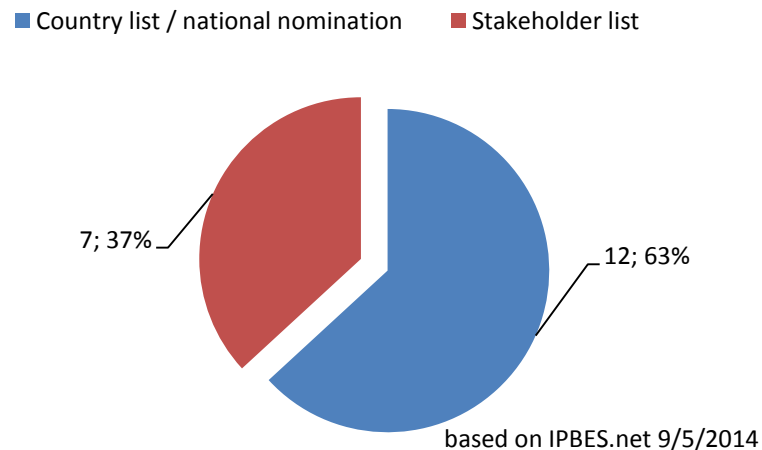
Selection of experts for thematic and methodological assessments (IPBES-2/3)



Analysis of 1. nomination round:

on average, stakeholder involvement through nominations higher than fixed by RoP

Deliverable 1(c): Task force on indigenous and local knowledge systems Experts selected from:



4. Status of the document (4)



- Mar 2014: MEP, Bureau and Secretariat discussed SES:

1. Completion of SES

→ detailed description of **institutional arrangement for operationalization** of SES (“overseen by open-ended forum with the coordination from the Sec and supervision by MEP/Bureau)

- Definition and structure of open-ended forum
- Level(s) it operates on
- Clear role of Sec, MEP and Bureau and coordination with forum

4. Status of the document (5)

2. SES Implementation Plan (2015-2018)

→ detailed draft of Implementation Plan (based on proposed structure – Appendix III of SES)

- List of concrete activities
- Implementation bodies
- Implementation level (Global, regional, national)
- Budget

Who: Sec, + in-kind contribution (IUCN/ISU/NeFo..) + MEP/Bureau → participatory

When: Jun/Jul: drafting; Jul – Oct: preparation of the final draft

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- (H) **IPBES-3** (Jan 2015): new submission & discussion among Parties & stakeholders

5. Stakeholder engagement is now! (1)

“IPBES Engagement Forum”

Googlegroup: <http://groups.google.com/group/ipbes-engagement-forum>

LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/IPBES-Engagement-Forum>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IPBES>



→ Open forum initiated during stakeholder meetings at IPBES-2

- Linking all people interested in the IPBES process, its developments, products and outcomes
- Posting up-to-date information on the IPBES and related national and international processes
- Facilitating information exchange and dissemination
- Fostering discussions
- Supporting capacity building and mutual understanding



5. Stakeholder engagement is now! (2)

“Knowledge holders @ Biodiversity Science-Policy Interfaces”

<http://groups.google.com/group/biodiv-SPI-knowledge-holders>

- Establishing a network of scientists and other knowledge holders dealing with biodiversity-related SPIs in their research; initiated during IPBES-2
- Links (young) researchers conducting
 - Research contributing to the topics of IPBES/CBD and Co. (information contributing to the work programmes of the SPIs)
 - Research on these SPIs (findings on structure, functionality, relevance, and results of SPIs);



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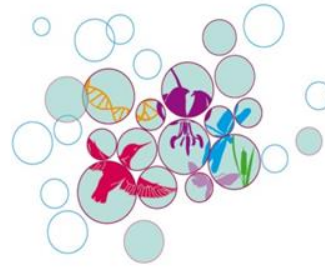
Second Pan-European Stakeholder Consultation (PESC-2): Sep 22 & 23, 2014, Basel

- PESC-1 held in Leipzig, Germany: 80 participants from 29 countries
- PESC-2 organised by the Swiss Biodiversity Forum with the support of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), and in collaboration with other European Platforms (NEFO Germany, and others)
 - Contribute to the mobilisation of experts and stakeholders from and across three UN-regions (Eastern Europe, WEOG, Asia-Pacific)
 - Discuss role of national and regional platforms in IPBES
 - Discuss outcomes of the regional scoping meetings in Aug 2014 in Nairobi



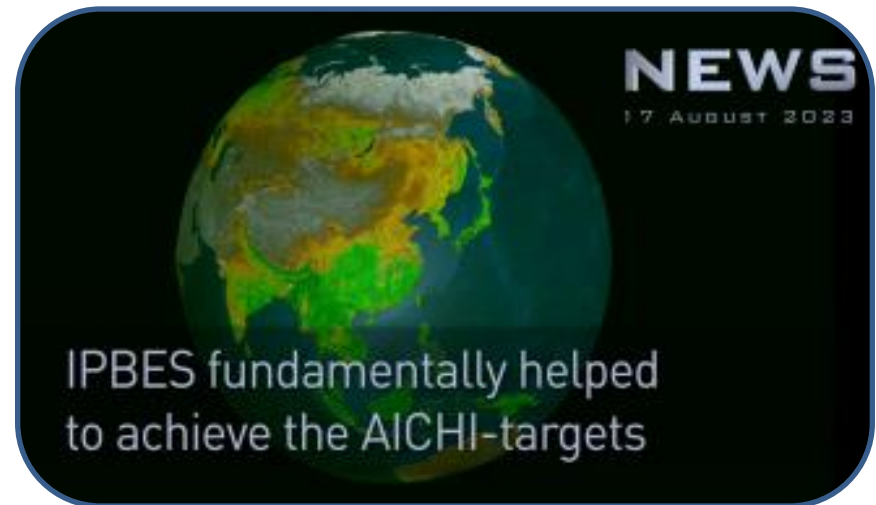
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