

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

A state of affairs



A short history

- Biodiversity and Governance meeting, Paris 2005
- IMoSEB process

Goal of IPBES:

“to fill in the gaps in the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services”

(an IPCC for Biodiversity and ES)

A short history

- Three “*Ad Hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder meetings on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*”:
 - Putrajaya, Malaysia, November 2008;
 - Nairobi, Kenya, October 2009;
 - Busan, South Korea, June 2010:

Busan Outcome

Busan outcome

Four functions of the Platform:

- Identify and prioritize key scientific information needed for policymakers and catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge;
- Perform regular and timely assessments of knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services and their interlinkages;
- Support policy formulation and implementation by identifying policy-relevant tools and methodologies;
- Prioritize key capacity-building needs to improve the science-policy interface, and to provide and call for financial and other support for the highest-priority needs related directly to its activities.

Key principles (a selection)

- Collaborate with existing initiatives (avoid duplication)
- Be scientifically independent and ensure credibility, relevance and legitimacy through the peer review of its work and transparency in its decision-making processes;

Key principles (a selection)

- Use clear, transparent and scientifically credible processes for the exchange, sharing and use of data, information and technologies;
- Recognize and respect indigenous and local knowledge

Key principles (a selection)

- Provide policy-relevant information, but not policy-prescriptive advice;
- Integrate capacity-building into all relevant aspects of its work;

A short history

- UNGA resolution 65/162 (20 XII 2010)
- Two session plenary meetings to fully operationalize the platform:
 - Nairobi, Kenya, 2011;
 - Panama City, Panama, 16-21 April 2012:

Establishment of the IPBES



Present status

- IPBES established by a decision of governments
- Secretariat to be hosted in Bonn, Germany
- Minimal RoP to allow organizing first plenary (November 2012?)
- Intersessional process initiated to develop, oa, proposal for RoP on Assessments and Work Plan

IPBES in Belgium

- Potential implications for Belgian scientists and policy makers:
 - Provide advice on key scientific information on Biodiversity and ES (emerging issues)
 - Involvement in assessments
 - Involvement in capacity building;
 - Involvement in development of policy tools and methodologies;

IPBES in Belgium

- Coordinated through CCIEP Steering group Biodiversity+ (SG Nature, North Sea, COORMULTI)(*time being*)
- Support of networking and information flow on IPBES: a Community of Practice on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services?

Questions?

