

IPBES information session



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Objectives – Today's schedule

To help the Belgian scientific community to better evaluate their potential contribution to the implementation of the 2014-2018 IPBES Work Programme + initiate some discussions on IPBES' role, functioning and challenges

Series of Keynotes

- Introduction/Brief history
- Functions and Objectives; Conceptual framework
- Governance; rules & procedures
- 2014-2018 Workplan, with focus on the role of experts in the actual implementation (20 min Q&A)

(Coffee break @ 11 a.m.)

- Stakeholder Engagement strategy
- Larger policy landscape and links with international conventions/initiatives
- Regional approach: Lessons learned from the NoK
- Illustration of the role of IPBES (IUCN task force on Systemic Pesticides)
- General discussion

(‘Green’ lunch @ 12.30-1 p.m.)



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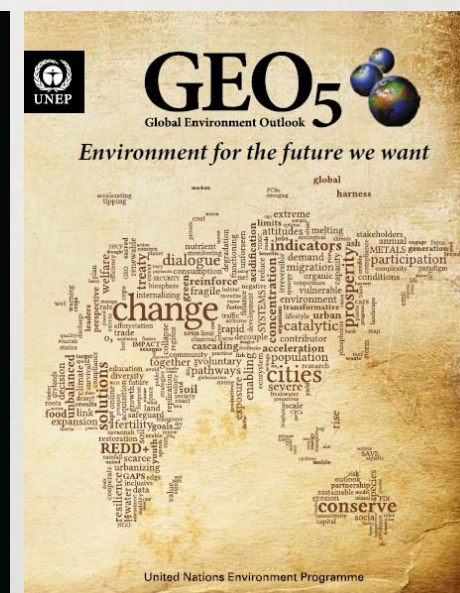
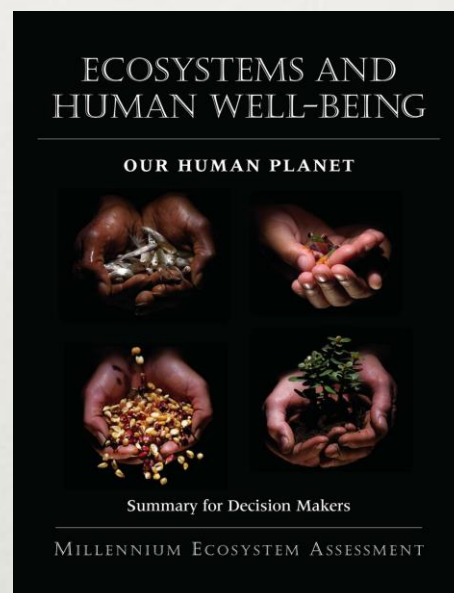
Why IPBES?

Biodiversity (CBD definition): *“the variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter alia, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems”*

> basis for ecosystems & services they provide > **basis for human well-being**

Declining at an unprecedented rate:

- Millenium Ecosystem Assessment
- IPCC Assessment Reports
- UNEP Global Environmental Outlook
- CBD Global Biodiversity Outlook



Strong and urgent need for:

- Adequate local, national and international policies based on scientifically credible and independent information taking into account the complex relationships between biodiversity, ecosystem services, and people.
- Strong dialogue between the scientific community, governments and other stakeholders



What is IPBES?

Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES):

- Intergovernmental body (open to all members countries of the UN) for **assessing the state** of the planet's biodiversity, its ecosystems and the essential services they provide to society
- Provides a global mechanism (interface) recognized by both the scientific and policy communities to **synthesize, review, assess and critically evaluate relevant information and knowledge** generated worldwide by governments, academia, scientific organizations, non-governmental organizations and indigenous communities
- Responds to **needs/requests** of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), governments, UN bodies and other relevant stakeholders, building on existing processes ensuring synergy and complementarity.
- Identifies & addresses **capacity building needs**; strengthens **capacity** for the effective use of science in decision making at all levels.
- Promotes the use of **policy-relevant tools & methodologies**

Operating principles

- Scientifically **independent**; ensure **credibility, relevance and legitimacy** through peer-review of its work, and **transparency** of the decision-making process;
- Ensure full, effective and balanced **participation**
- Take an **interdisciplinary & multidisciplinary approach**
- Integrate **capacity building** into all aspects of its work
- Collaborate with **existing initiatives**



Brief History: from IMoSEB to IPBES

IMoSEB process (International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity): to create a true added value process through all the existing initiatives and mechanisms at that time >> give biodiversity more weight @global level; gather scattered information & efficiently communicate on it

Paris – 2005: “Biodiversity, Science and Governance”; consultation process/regional workshops etc.

UNEP

Identification of gaps
and needs

We need an IPBES

Modalities of operation
and establishment

Operationalisation

Nov 2008 – Putrajaya, Malaysia

Oct 2009 – Nairobi, Kenya

June 2010 – Busan, Republic of Korea
(**BUSAN OUTCOME:** decision on the creation of IPBES)

October 2011 – Nairobi Kenya

April 2012 – Panama City, Panama (adoption of resolution; **FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT**)

Intersessional process

Jan 2013 – 1st Plenary meeting (Bonn, Germany)

December 2013 – 2nd Plenary meeting (Antalya, Turkey)



Bonn, Germany Jan 2013

Decisions/Agreements on:

- Chair: Zakri Abdul Hamid
- Membership of the Bureau & Multidisciplinary Expert Panel
- Rules of procedure for meetings of the Plenary
- Process for making requests, inputs and suggestions
- Process for development of the work programme
- Process for recruiting the Secretariat
- Need for involvement of all four UN bodies
- Budget for 2013



IPBES Chair Zakri Abdul Hamid



Bonn, Germany Jan 2013

No final agreement yet on:

- Admission of observers
- Membership of 'Regional Economic Integration Organizations' (REIOs)
- Links between IPBES and the UN systems
- Budget beyond 2013
- Financial procedures



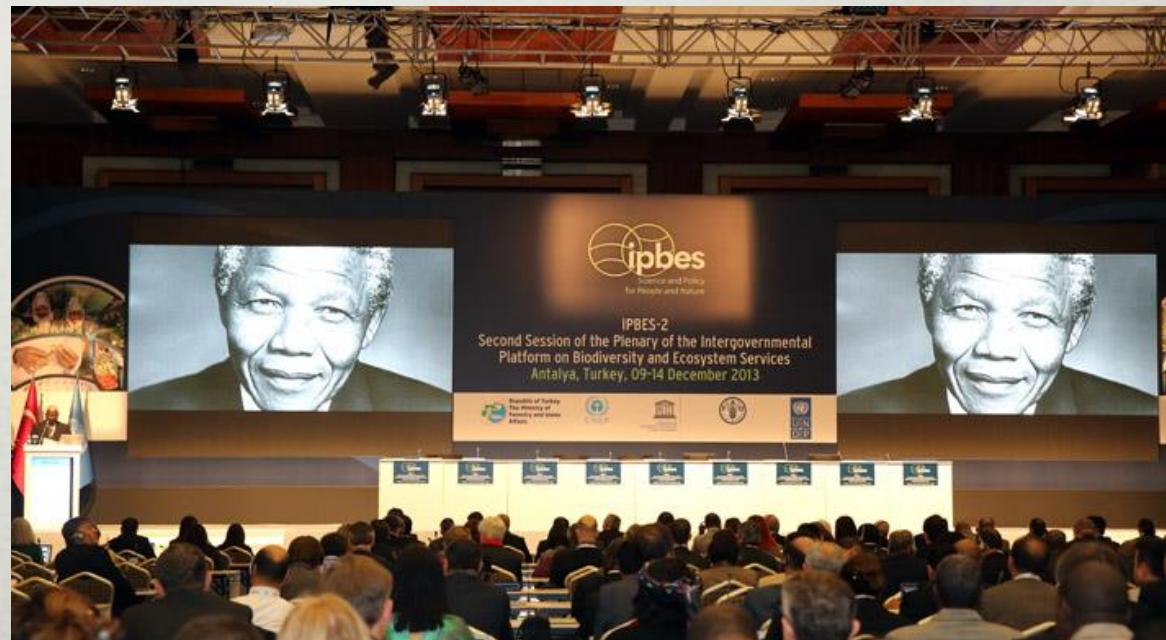
Antalya, Turkey Dec 2013

Concrete achievements (Antalya consensus)

- Adoption of the institutional arrangements between FAO, UNDP, UNEP and UNESCO
- Conceptual framework
- Several items in the Rules and Procedures for the Platform's operation (incl. regional structure of the MEP, and MEP member selection)
- Work programme 2014-2018
- Strong commitment of governments (pledging US\$ 25.4 M of the \$43.5M required)
- French national, Anne Larigauderie has been appointed as the Head of the IPBES Secretariat



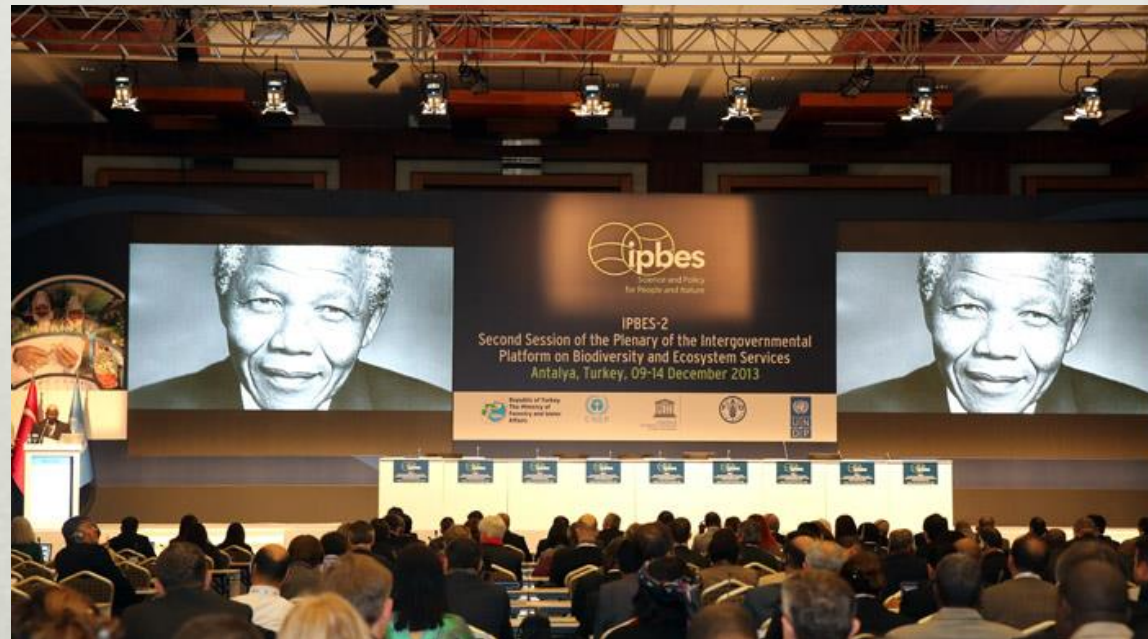
Anne Larigauderie, Head of IPBES Secretariat



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No final agreement yet on:

- Procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables
- Communication strategy
- Stakeholder engagement strategy
- Strategic Partnership Arrangements
- Several issues in the Rules & Procedures




Currently 118 members; next plenary (IPBES-3) Jan 2015, Bonn, Germany



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In Focus

Letter from IPBES chair requesting nominations of experts to contribute to IPBES work programme available [here](#).

IPBES-2 meeting report available in all UN languages [here](#).

Vacancy Announcement

There is currently no vacancy at the IPBES Secretariat

IPBES Membership

IPBES now counts 118 Members, with Zambia recently joining. The full list of current IPBES Members is available [here](#).

All Member States are requested to submit the name and contact details of their National Focal Point (NFP) to the IPBES Secretariat.

Latest News

Interim MEP report on lessons learnt

Created on Friday, 09 May 2014 07:20

The interim MEP has prepared a report, reflecting on the lessons learnt with regard to its functioning and how to improve it, in response to the request made by the Plenary in its Decision IPBES-2/2 (para 3), which you can find [here](#).

Second call for nominations of experts - deadline for response is 8 June 2014

Created on Thursday, 03 April 2014 07:41

The Chair of IPBES in a letter dated 2 April is inviting Governments and Stakeholders to nominate experts a) to **scope a set of regional and sub-regional assessments** (deliverable 2b), and b) to **scope a thematic assessment of land degradation and restoration** (deliverable 3bi). Please note that all application forms should be filled on-line with CV attached through the dedicated web portal <http://www.ipbes.net/applicationform.html>. Earlier nominations are encouraged and late nominations will not be able to be considered. Self-nominations cannot be accepted.

Report of the second session of the IPBES Plenary now available in all languages

Created on Monday, 03 March 2014 13:33

The meeting report for the second session of the IPBES Plenary (IPBES-2) held from 9 to 14 December in Antalya, Turkey is now available in all UN languages [here](#).

Additional guidance for experts nominated and selected for the IPBES work programme

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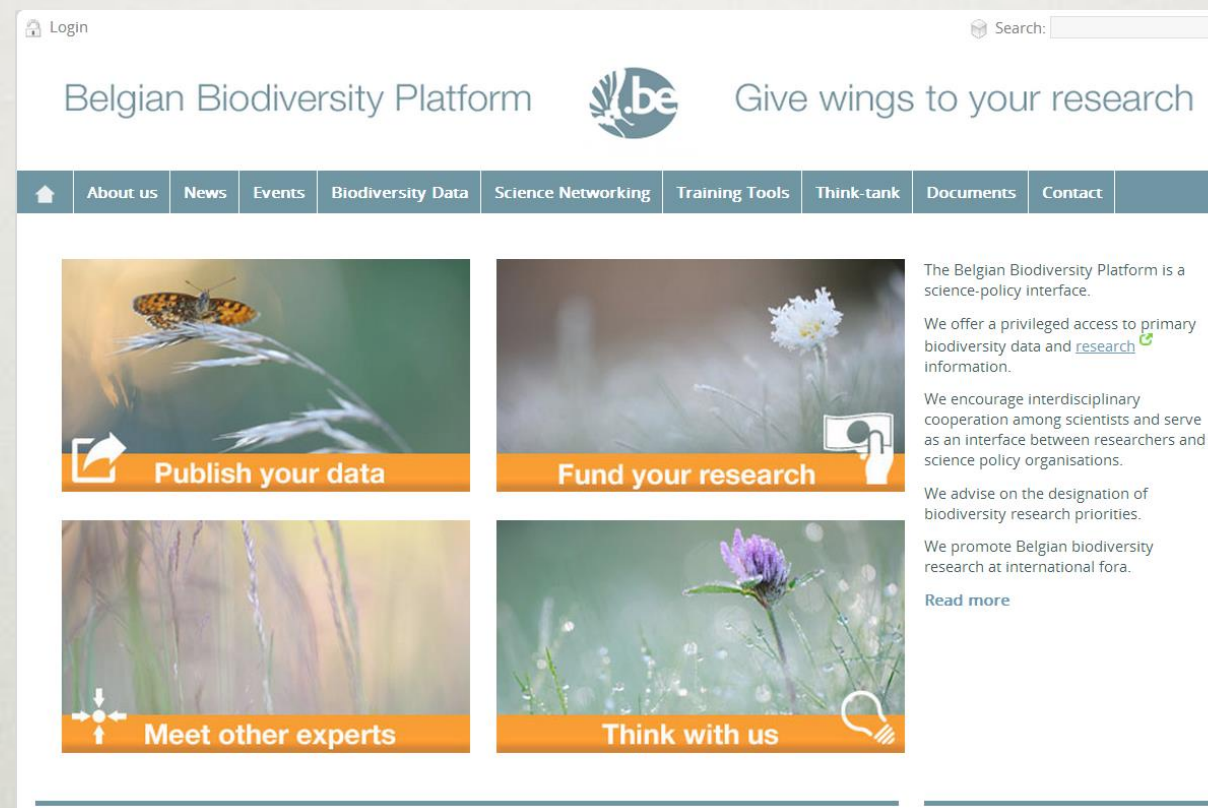
Additional information to guide the nomination of experts for the IPBES work programme is provided [here](#) in relation to the expected workload of experts; and the selection, responsibilities, time commitment, duration of appointment and availability of support.



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IPBES in Belgium

- Involved in IPBES negotiations since the very beginning @ 'Biodiversity Science & Governance' meeting in Paris, 2005. Full Member since the establishment
- Belgian Biodiversity Platform hosts the **IPBES National Focal Point**: www.biodiversity.be



- Implementation of Work programme: Community of Practice on Ecosystem Services: www.beescommunity.be

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