Contributing to IPBES
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Outline

- What is IPBES?

- Draft programme of work of IPBES

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IPBES-1 (January 2013)

- **Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

- Inspired from IPCC: Provide policy relevant scientific knowledge to inform decision making

- Established in April 2012, Panama City

- 113 Members (Sept 2013)

A long process

Negotiation

Nov. 2008 - Putrajaya, Malaysia

Oct. 2009 - Nairobi, Kenya

June 2010 - Busan, Republic of Korea

Modalities of operation and establishment

Oct. 2011- Nairobi, Kenya

April 2012 - Panama City, Panama

Operation--alisation

Jan. 2013 - First plenary meeting

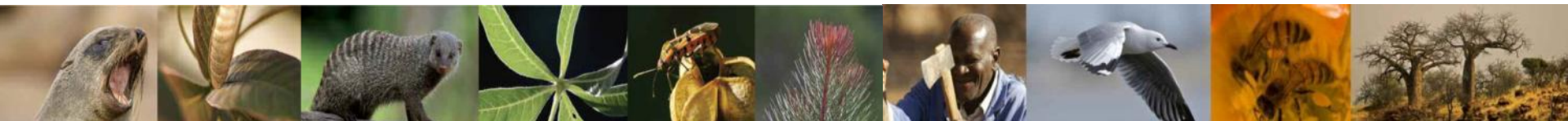Dec. 2013 - Second plenary meeting

Current status

- UNEP, UNESCO, UNDP & FAO

- Secretariat hosted by Germany (Bonn)

- Governance: Bureau (H Zakri); interim <u>Science Panel</u> (co-chairs: M Lonsdale, C Joly)

- Rules and Procedures for IPBES

- Initial work programme (submitted to IPBES-2)

  - Draft Conceptual Framework

  - Draft Work Programme for 2014-18

  - Draft Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (ICSU & IUCN)

- Initial Budget approved (3.1 Million for 2013)

IPBES Draft Work Programme 2014-18

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen the **capacity and knowledge foundations** of the science-policy interface to implement key functions of the Platform

- **Objective 2:** Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across **sub-regional**, **regional** and **global levels**

- **Objective 3:** Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services with regard to **thematic** and **methodological issues**

- **Objective 4:** **Communicate** and evaluate Platform activities, deliverables and findings

Future Earth recognised as a partner of IPBES

Objective 1 Strengthen the **capacity and knowledge foundations**

    1(d): Catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge

IPBES will **catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge in dialogue with scientific organizations**, policymakers and funding organizations, while not directly undertaking new research.

The generation, access to and management of knowledge and data will be supported through a thematically widespread network of institutions and initiatives, including GEO, GBIF, **Future Earth** and other relevant initiatives.

Scenarios & models recognised as a priority in the IPBES Draft Work Programme

Objective 3 (Thematic and methodological assessments):

(a) One fast-track thematic assessment on pollination and food production *(March 2015)*;

(b) One thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration and/or one thematic assessment on invasive alien species *(March 2016)*;

(c) **Policy support tools and methodologies for scenarios analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem ser**vices *(March 2017)* based on a fast-track assessment *(March 2015)* and a guide *(August 2015)*;

(d) Policy support tools and methodologies regarding value, valuation and accounting of biodiversity and ecosystem services *(March 2017)* based on a fast-track assessment *(March 2015)* and a guide *(August 2015)*.

In summary

The proposed Belmont CRA would generate highly policy relevant new knowledge for scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES Objective 3).

Thank you!