









### **IPBES**

An update on the platform















### What is IPBES?



- Established in April 2012, Panama City, after years of discussion and negotiation.
- An interface between scientific and policy communities
- Filling gaps at multiple scales
- Multiple contributors and users



### A long process

Identification of needs and gaps

Nov. 2008 - Putrajaya, Malaysia

We need an

Oct. 2009 - Nairobi, Kenya

**IPBES** 

June 2010 - Busan, Republic of Korea

**Modalities of** operation and establishment Oct. 2011- Nairobi, Kenya

April 2012 - Panama City, Panama

**Operation-**-alisation

Intersessional process

Jan. 2013 - First plenary meeting



#### What will IPBES do?



#### Four main functions

- Knowledge generation
- Regular and timely assessments
- Support policy formulation and implementation
- Capacity building



# Under which principles will IPBES operate?

Address terrestrial, marine and inland water biodiversity and ecosystem services and their interactions

Inter- and multidisciplinary approach

**Gender equity** 

**Bottom-up** 

Collaboration – avoiding duplication

Full participation of developing countries

Policy-relevant but not policy-prescriptive

Contribution of indigenous and local knowledge

Scientific independence, credibility, relevance and legitimacy



# Who are the IPBES Stakeholders?

IPBES relevant to a wide range of stakeholders, including:

- Governments (including through biodiversity and ecosystem services related Conventions, UN bodies, and IGOs)
- International scientific community
- NGOs
- Private sector
- Indigenous people, farmer's associations, etc.
- Potential donors;
- General public and media.



# How is IPBES structured?

Plenary – Decision making body of the Platform

Government Members (currently 92) and observers

Bureau - Overseeing administrative functions

10 members (2 from each UN region)

**Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP)** – overseeing scientific and technical functions

25 members ( 5 from each UN region)

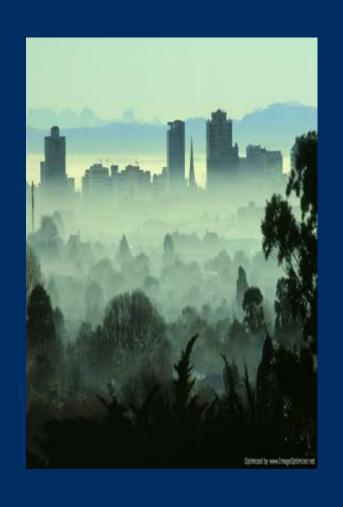


## Potential activities in the area of assessments

- Regular multidisciplinary assessments at regional (including sub-regional) and global scales.
- Thematic assessments on policy relevant issues, including emerging issues
- Technical support and capacity building for national assessment activities
- Developing common frameworks and tools for assessment
- Catalogue of assessments
- Produce and disseminate reports but the assessment process also important!



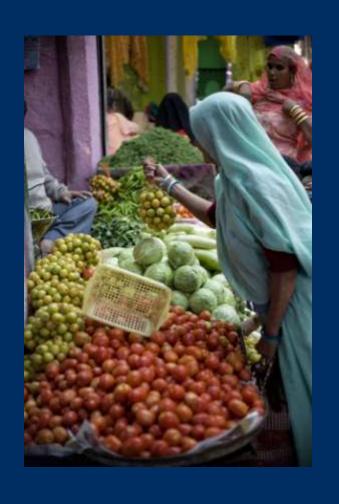
# Potential activities in the area of policy support



- Overview of policy-relevant knowledge, tools and methodologies
- Partnerships to develop priority tools and approaches
- Promotion of effective tools through communication and capacity building
- Policy-relevant (eg sector specific) knowledge syntheses



## Potential capacity building activities



- Maintain a list of CB needs
- Specific workshops and training on assessment approaches
- Increasing access to data, information and knowledge for use in assessment
- Scholarships, fellowship programme, mentoring
- Peer to peer exchange visits
- Regional hubs supporting assessment and peer learning



# Potential activities on knowledge generation



- Identifying and communicating gaps in knowledge – including from assessments
- Convening research and donor communities to agree on policy-relevant research priorities
- Supporting peer learning and networks to strengthen generation of policy-relevant research



### **Current process on IPBES**



### Resolving various procedural elements

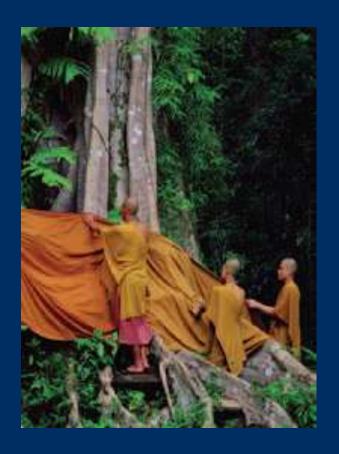
- Rules of procedure
- Other procedures

## Preparations for the initial work programme of the platform

- Capacity building needs
- Scoping process
- Overview of assessments
- Conceptual framework
- MEP bioregional structure



### **Getting involved**



- Contribute to the current intersessional process
- Participate in IPBES-1 (21 to 26 Jan. 2013, Bonn Germany)
- Future contribution to implementation of IPBES work programme – this will depend on thousands of scientists and policy makers!







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