

IPBES Pan-European Stakeholder Consultation (PESC-2) Meeting 22. and 23. September 2014 Museum of Natural History & Museum of Cultures, Basel, Switzerland

Programme Draft

IPBES, the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, started this year with its first work programme 2014-2018. One of the major tasks is a set of regional and sub-regional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The scoping process will conclude at the next Platform's Plenary (IPBES-3 in January 2015), with the aim to start the regional assessments in 2015.

The Swiss Biodiversity Forum is organising a meeting in Basel, Switzerland (22 & 23 September 2014) to get ready for the Pan-European regional IPBES assessment. A broad engagement of scientific experts, local knowledge holders, policy makers and NGOs will be crucial in making IPBES a success. This meeting (PESC-2) is building on the first IPBES Pan-European Stakeholder Consultation, which was successfully held in Leipzig in July 2013.

The meeting aims to

- inform on the IPBES process, and how to participate in the current work programme (day 1)
- discuss and give input to the forthcoming IPBES Regional assessment of Europe and Central Asia (day 1 & 2)
- contribute to the mobilisation of experts and stakeholders across the Pan-European and Central Asian region (day 1 & 2)

The second IPBES Pan-European Stakeholder Consultation Meeting (PESC-2) is 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, Belgian Biodiversity Platform, JNCC UK, FRB France).

More info and registration: <http://www.biodiversity.ch/e/ipbes/PESC-2>

Preliminary programme

MONDAY, Sep 22nd

9:00 **Registration; coffee**

10:00– **Welcome & Introduction**

10:30

- Welcome remarks by Swiss Biodiversity Forum incl. inputs on vision on stakeholder engagement
- Welcome remarks and introduction on ongoing discussions
- Brief history of PESC meeting: PESC-1 topics, outcomes and uptakes
- Aims & objectives of PESC-2

10:30 **A general introduction on IPBES**

- IPBES (history, status, linkages)
- Decisions IPBES-1 & IPBES-2
- IPBES Programme of Work 2014-2018 and deliverables
- Intersessional period 2014: issues & activities
- How to participate: roles of coordinators, authors, reviewers

11:30 **Q&A session on IPBES: moderated discussion about IPBES decisions and Programme of Work**

On the panel: Bureau-member, Scientist, Gov. Rep., IPBES-Secretariat, NGO

"Open questions on IPBES, how does it work and on what, how to contribute?"

Participants are invited to send in questions before the meeting.

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 **Regional assessment:**

Information from scoping group experts on the aims, structure and knowledge needs of the regional assessment.

14:45 *Coffee break*

15:30 **Workshops on Stakeholder Engagement and the pan-European dimension of IPBES**

Potential format: Round tables or one breakout room for each group, moderators and rapporteurs stay, participants rotate after 45 min, therefore each participant can contribute to each workshop theme.

Group 1: The Pan-European IPBES Network- stocktaking, networking and input to the IPBES work programme 2014-2018

- 'Participant inventory' (country, discipline, affiliation - science, policy etc., main responsibilities, experience with IPBES, etc.).
- Collect expertise on biodiversity topics to compile a roster of experts
- Which institutions should be on board and encouraged to contribute to IPBES. Are there potentials for regional hubs – either for the regional assessments or the global one? How can we mobilise input from institutions and scientist from our region to contribute to planned IPBES deliverables?
- What deliverables have priority for our region?

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Group 2: Stakeholder Engagement in IPBES and the role of the pan-European region

- How to proceed with the stakeholder Engagement Strategy? What do our stakeholders need to engage with and/or continue their work with IPBES?
- What Networks/Platforms/Activities could be used to engage with IPBES?
- Open, self-organized IPBES Engagement Forum (IPBES in social media & groups)
- Young Scientists @ SPIs (Science-Policy-Interfaces Network of Young Researchers)

Group 3: Regional assessment: scoping discussion

- Which elements will be contained in a regional assessments and which institutions / experts should be involved?
- Which are the priority matters to be assessed at a European level and which ones are particularly relevant for the global assessments?
- What is important for our regional scientific perspective related to IPBES-3?

17:30 Wrap up of the day

19:30 *Conference Dinner*

TUESDAY, Sept. 23rd

8:30 **Report back from Monday workshops.**
Conclusion by IPBES-Chair or Bureau member
Conclusion by Host of the meeting (Swiss Biodiversity Forum)

Introduction to break-out groups for responding to the needs of the Regional Assessment (round table discussions)

9:00 **Round table discussions: responding to the needs of the Regional Assessment I**

10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 **Round table discussions: responding to the needs of the Regional Assessment II**

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 **Summary of discussions (reporting back from groups)**

14:30 **Wrap up & next steps;**

15:00 **Closing & fare-well**

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