

# Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services



## Update on the Status

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# Rio Conventions

<b>UNFCCC</b> (Climate Convention)		<b>IPCC</b>
<b>UNCCD</b> (Desert Convention)		<b>IPBES</b>
<b>CBD</b> (Biodiv Convention)		<b>IPBES</b>

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## Main idea

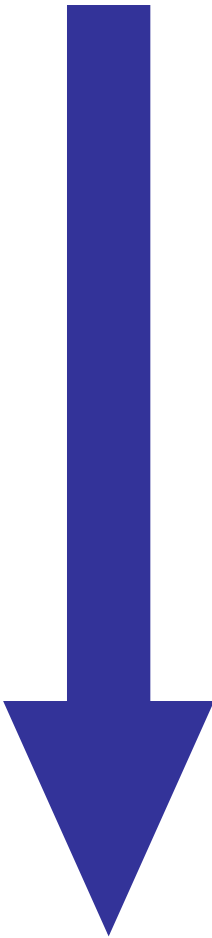
**Loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services is ongoing**

**Political decisions should be based on best knowledge available**

**IPBES should provide assessments with policy options**



# History of the process

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- A large, solid blue arrow pointing downwards, positioned to the left of the list of events.
- **Millenium Ecosystem Assessment 2001-2005**
  - **International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity (IMoSEB) 2005-2007**
  - **IPBES-Concept by UNEP 2007**
  - **3 Multistakeholder Meetings 2008-2010**
  - **First part of founding plenary 2011 (Nairobi)**
  - **Second part of plenary in April 2012 (Panama)**
  - **First official plenary in January 2013 (Bonn)**
  - **Second plenary Dec. 2013 (where?)**



# Panama/Bonn-Meeting Achievements

**IPBES was established** as  
independent  
intergovernmental body  
(105 member states,  
including Germany)

**All UN-States** can become  
members

**Secretariat** will be established  
in **Bonn** (UNEP employees  
staff)



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# Structures

## Plenary

- Main decision making body
- Government representatives
- Membership open to all UN-States
- Open for observers (no voting rights)
- Elects officers
- Determines work programme
- Allocates money
- Approves assessment summaries



# Structures

## Plenary

**Consensus Principle in matters of substance**  
**Occasional Majority Voting possible in matters of procedure**



## Structures

- Oversees administrative functions
- Chair and 4 Vice-Chairs plus 5 administrative officers (regionally balanced between 5 UN-regions, chair rotating after 2 years)
- Elected in Bonn meeting
- First chair: Zakri Abdul Hamid (Malaysia)



## Structures

### Multidisciplinary Expert Panel MEP

- Carry out scientific functions
- 5 scientists from each of the 5 UN-regions plus chair and vice-chairs
- Chairs of scientific bodies of other MEA as observers

Germany belongs to WEOG (Western European and Others Group, with USA, Canada, Australia, NZ, Norway, Switzerland)

**Elected in Bonn as interim arrangement for 2 years**



# Work Programme Working Groups

**Four main work areas:**

- **assessments**
- **capacity building**
- **knowledge generation**
- **policy tools**

**List of actions proposed but not yet  
discussed,**

**Working groups not yet established**



# Ongoing Work

**Second official plenary after establishment**  
**December 09.-13. 2013**

**Intersessional process until second plenary:**

- Receive incoming thematic requests and prioritize them (MEP)
- Further develop a conceptual framework for assessments (MEP)
- Develop stakeholder involvement strategy (IUCN and ICSU)
- Proposals for work programme structure
- **All processes open for comments**



# Second Plenary

**Rules of procedure**

**admission for observers**

**EU as member or observer**

**Work programme, working groups**

**Filling the trust fund with money**

**First thematic assessments**

**Relationship to other MEA**



# Options for participation

**Plenary is open for everybody**

**Everybody and every organisation can comment on the documents**

**Everybody can propose topics for future assessments (along certain criteria)**

**MEP will call for lead authors for assessment reports and reviewers**

**National delegations may include scientist**



**More information on IPBES:**

<http://www.ipbes.net>

<http://www.biodiversity.de>

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**Thank you**

