



# Strengthening the Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

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# 1st Intergovernmental Meeting on IPBES



**Putrajaya, Malaysia  
November 2008**





# 2nd Intergovernmental Meeting on IPBES



**Nairobi, Kenya  
October 2009**



- **There is a need to strengthen the science-policy interface on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**
- **No single authoritative and credible voice on the science of biodiversity and ecosystem services.**
- **Strong support expressed for exploring the potential for a new intergovernmental mechanism**



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Intergovernmental Meeting on IPBES



**Busan, Republic of Korea**  
**7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June 2010**



# 3rd Intergovernmental Meeting on IPBES



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- 1. What are the needs for strengthening the science-policy interface?**
- 2. What should the scope be if such a mechanism be established?**
- 3. What would be the key functions of the new mechanism, if established?**
- 4. What would the most effective institutional structure for the mechanism be?**

# 1. What are the needs?

- **Scientific independence**  
*(Credibility, relevance, legitimacy)*
- **Knowledge generation**  
*(identify scient. info needed by policy-makers; dialogue btw scientists and policy makers)*
- **Knowledge assessment**  
*(regular, timely. Policy relevant, not prescriptive)*
- **Knowledge use**  
*(supporting policy formulation and implementation)*
- **Capacity building**  
*(mainstream Biod & Ec serv)*

## 2. What is the Scope?

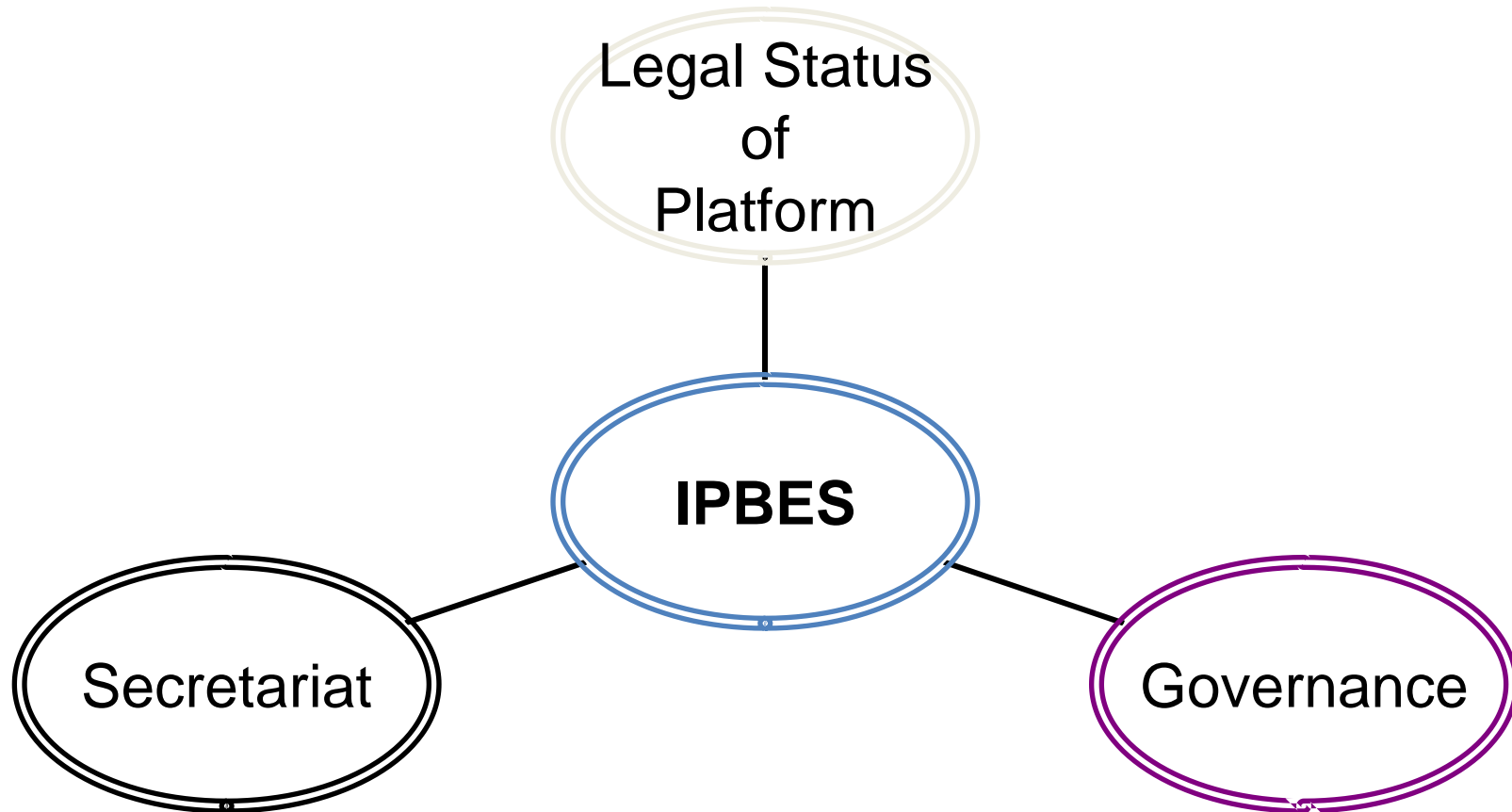
### 3 options:

- a. **Create a new IPBES that would not duplicate or substitute existing MEAs and UN bodies**
- b. **Focus solely on strengthening existing science-policy structures of MEA and UN**
- c. **Create a new IPBES that would not duplicate (...) AND work on strengthening and improving coordination btw existing structures**

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- i. Generation of knowledge (3 options)**
- ii. Regular and timely assessments (3 options)**
- iii. Supporting policy formulation and implementation (3 options)**
- iv. Building capacity (4 options)**

## 4. Institutional Structure for the Mechanism?



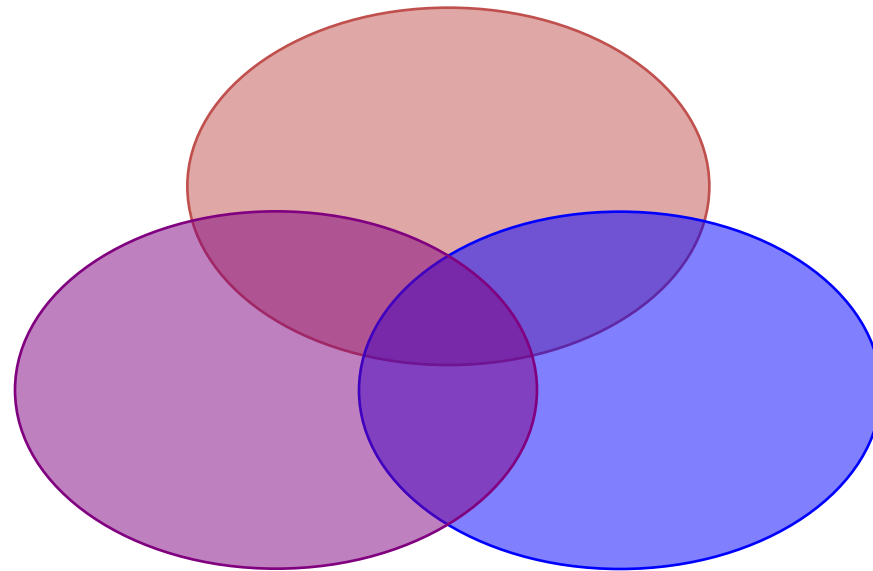
## Options:

- **distinct from existing intergovernmental and /or international organizations**
- **institutionally linked with one or more of existing intergovernmental organizations**
- **established as an intergovernmental body in which intergovernmental and non- governmental entities are combined**
- **an intergovernmental body, which is a subsidiary body of an existing intergovernmental organization**

- i. Plenary body (Gvts only or Gvts + multistakeholders)**
- ii. Chair or Co-Chairs (single chair or 2 co-chairs)**
- iii. Executive Bodies (bureau only; executive board and scientific advisory panel)**
- iv. Functions and composition of bureau, executive and scientific panel, based on different options**



## Functions



Hosting

Location

**Organize meetings and provide admin and substantive support to work program**

- **Identify, acquire, coordinate, manage information**
- **Prepare docs and reports**
- **Coordination btw working groups**
- **(....)**
- **Public info and outreach**
- **Resource mobilization**



## Location of the Secretariat?



**May be discussed more appropriately after  
Decision on Platform is made**



## Could be hosted:

- **by one or more of the existing Intergovernmental Organizations within the United Nations system**
- **by one or more of the existing Intergovernmental Organizations outside the United Nations system**
- **wholly or partly by an existing intergovernmental organization whose secretariat is hosted by another organization**
- **by one or more International Non-Governmental Organizations, together with one or more Intergovernmental Organizations**



**Hosting of Secretariat (info document): this could be further discussed after decision on Platform is made.**

- 1. Trust fund with voluntary contributions**
- 2. Trust Fund with prescribed contributions for Govt and voluntary for GEF, UN Agencies and others**

**Range: 7 to 12 M /Y (depending on options)**

- **Work Programme: 4 M to 9 M /Y**
- **Secretariat: 1 M / Y**
- **Meetings: 1 M/Y**
- **Other costs: 1 M /Y**

## Agreement?

- Present outcomes at UNGA Special and regular sessions, 2010
- Outcomes at CBD COP10, Nagoya October 2010

No Agreement?

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## **Possible relationships w/ other assessments**

- **GEO: broad environment scope, than Biod and Eco serv**
- **Overlapping interests on issues, target audiences, and networks**
- **Coordination mechanisms thru chairs [of Scientific Committees]**
- **working arrangements that either partition and assign roles for particular themes/issues**



## Secretariat coordination

- Collaboration on methodologies**
- Collaboration on assessments
- Collaboration on results and messaging



## IPBES and AoA Marine env (Regular Process)

- **Regular process will address marine issues and the marine environment in its entirety**
- **significant common area of interest & potential risk of mixed or conflicting messages arising from the two processes**
- **AoA and IPBES to collaborate and minimise risks; look for synergies and complementarities**
- **IPBES to make use of the AoA Group of Experts**
- **carrying out pilot projects to test this relationship**





# IPBES and AoA Marine env (Regular Process)



**Collaboration: secretariats & scientific bodies**

**Coordination on methodologies**

**Coordination on assessments**

**Sharing lessons and experiences**

**Common messages- communication**



- MA: Sub-Global Assessments (SGA) at sub-regional, national and sub-national levels**
- IPBES: regular and timely assessments at regional , global levels; plus thematic assessments**

**IPBES: responsive to needs of scientific advisory bodies of MEAs**

**draw wherever possible on capacities and strengths of existing organizations, programmes and processes,**

**deliver global, regional and thematic assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services, drawing substantially on SGAs carried out at sub-regional, national and sub-national levels;**

**promote, and facilitate implementation of SGAs helping to ensure common methodologies and frameworks;**

**communicate results to multiple audiences, including into other assessment processes.**

**IPBES will also:**

**promote, and as appropriate facilitate, the development and use of metrics and indicators to understand and illustrate trends in biodiversity and ecosystem services;**

**promote development of the necessary research and monitoring programmes for improving the science policy interface, including on the use of models and scenarios, and access to data and information;**

**promote, and as appropriate facilitate, the development of capacity at all levels to carry out the activities referred to above.**

## **Coordination: Secretariat level interaction**

RP's work on drivers of environmental change and potential response options would provide valuable input to IPBES

RP may identify potential new impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services arising from changing patterns of resource use