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# Briefing on IPBES

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# IPBES Plenary

**In January 2013, the  
IPBES Plenary met in  
Bonn, Turkey**



**In December 2013, the  
IPBES Plenary met in  
Antalya, Turkey**



## Took decisions on:

- **membership of the Bureau**
- **membership of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel**
- **process for making requests, inputs and suggestions**
- **process for developing the work programme**
- **process for recruiting the secretariat**
- **budget for 2013**

- **informal meeting of MEP**
- **call for requests, inputs and suggestions**
- **workshops on specific issues**
- **meetings of MEP and Bureau**
- **preparation of 26 working documents**
- **open review of a range of these documents**
- **regional consultations**
- **preparation of 18 information documents**

## **Took decisions on:**

- **procedures for preparation of deliverables**
- **conceptual framework**
- **work programme 2014-2018**
- **budget 2014-2015**
- **financial and budgetary arrangements**
- **collaborative partnership with UN bodies**

## **Key issues that are still outstanding:**

- **rules of procedure, in particular concerning observers**
- **regional economic integration organizations**
- **communication and outreach strategy**
- **stakeholder engagement strategy**
- **strategic partnerships**



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# Focus on the work programme

*What will IPBES actually do?*



# What will IPBES do?

**IPBES was established with four agreed functions:**

<b>Knowledge generation</b>	<b>Identify knowledge needs of policymakers, and catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Deliver global, regional and thematic assessments, and promote and catalyse support for sub-global assessment</b>
<b>Policy support tools</b>	<b>Identify policy relevant tools/methodologies, facilitate their use, and promote and catalyse their further development</b>
<b>Capacity building</b>	<b>Prioritize key capacity building needs, and provide and call for financial and other support for priority needs</b>



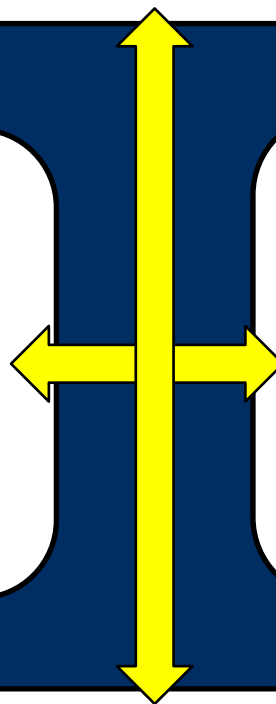
# Structure of the work programme

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

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

**Objective 3:** Strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues

**Objective 4:** Communicate and evaluate IPBES activities, deliverables and findings



# Work programme deliverables

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

- **Priority capacity building needs are matched with resources through catalysing financial and in kind support**
- **Capacities needed to implement the Platform's work programme are developed**
- **Procedures, approaches and participatory processes for working with indigenous and local knowledge systems**
- **Priority knowledge and data needs addressed by catalysing efforts to generate new knowledge and networking**

# Work programme deliverables

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

- **Guide on production and integration of assessments from across all scales**
- **Regional/subregional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services**
- **Global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services**

# Work programme deliverables

- **Thematic assessments:**
  - **pollinators, pollination and food production**
  - **land degradation and restoration**
  - **invasive alien species and their control**
  - **sustainable use, related capacities and tools**

**Objective 3:** Strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues

# Work programme deliverables

- **Methodological assessments:**
  - **scenarios analysis and modelling**
  - **Diverse conceptualization of values of biodiversity and nature's benefits to people including ecosystem services**

**Objective 3:** Strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues

# Work programme deliverables

- **Catalogue of relevant assessments**
- **Data and information management plan**
- **Catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies**
- **Communication, outreach and engagement strategies, products and processes**
- **Reviews of the effectiveness of IPBES guidance, procedures and approaches**

**Objective 4:** Communicate and evaluate IPBES activities, deliverables and findings

# Institutional arrangements

## Existing bodies:

- **Plenary:** governing body of IPBES
- **Bureau:** advises the Chair and secretariat on the conduct of business of the Plenary and its subsidiary bodies
- **Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP):** provides advice and assistance on all technical and scientific issues
- **Secretariat:** ensures efficient functioning through its support to the Plenary, Bureau and MEP, preparation of documents, organization of meetings, facilitation of communications, and financial management

# Institutional arrangements

## Other agreed mechanisms:

- **Expert groups:** time-bound and task specific expert groups established for specific deliverables
- **Task forces:** smaller groups established to consider a specific topic or question and how IPBES will address it
- **Forum on capacity building:** periodic meeting with potential donors to highlight priority needs
- **Technical support units:** to coordinate and support the activities of working groups and task forces



## Other approaches:

- **Strategic partnerships:** aimed at ensuring effective engagement with key organizations in order to use their expertise, experience and resources
- **Stakeholder engagement strategy:** aimed at ensuring appropriate engagement with a wide range of stakeholders
- **Communication and outreach strategy:** aimed at ensuring that IPBES and its activities, products and services come to the attention of all who should be aware

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# Second Plenary

