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# Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services

## A briefing on IPBES

IPBES Secretariat



- What is IPBES and how is it organised: the overall science-policy framework
- What will IPBES do?
  - The 4 functions
  - The Conceptual Framework
  - The Programme of Work
- Possible areas of collaboration with the RCE network and IPBES

# What is IPBES?



IPBES-1 (Jan 2013, Bonn)

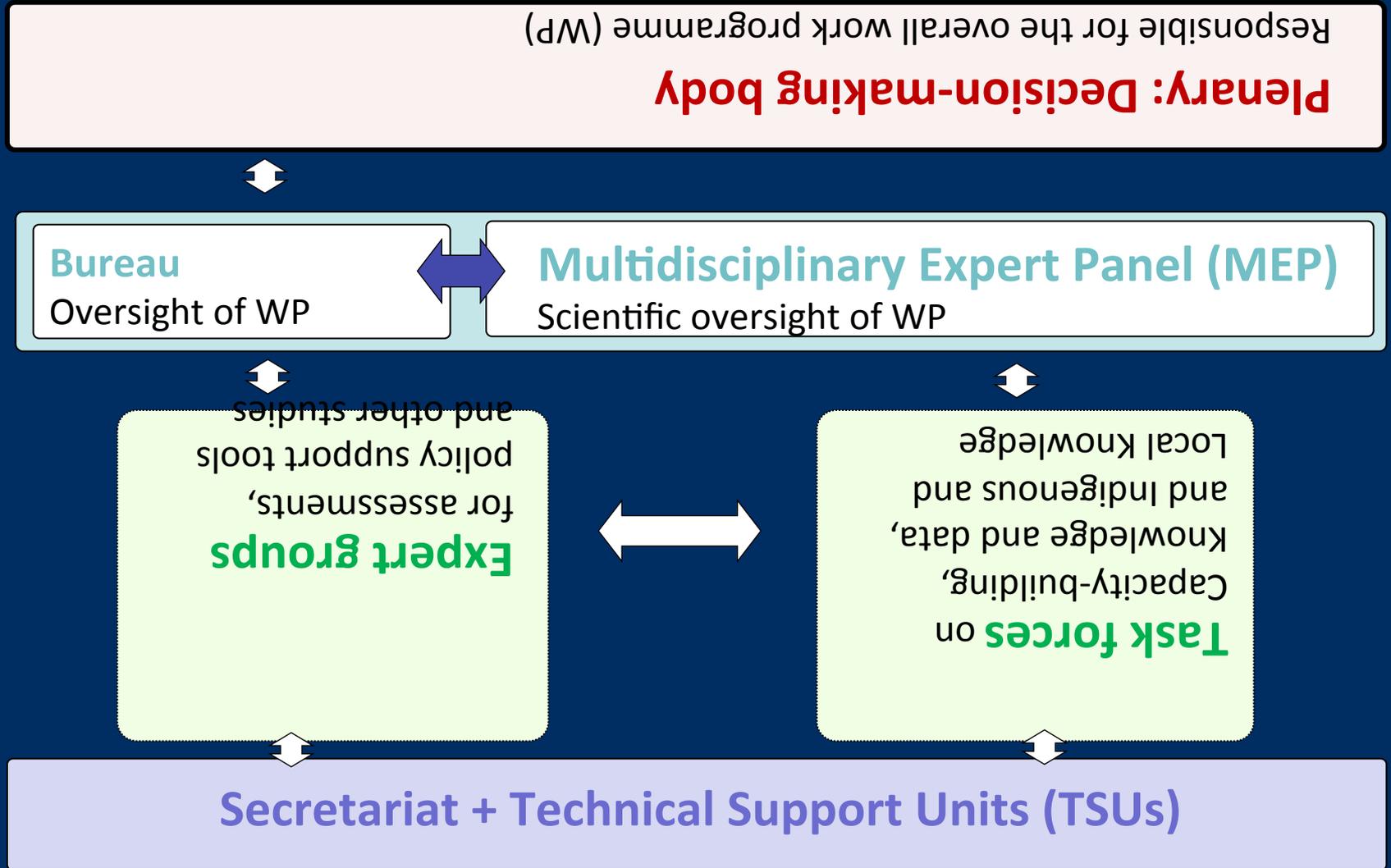


IPBES-2 (Dec 2013, Antalya)

- Intergovernmental **P**latform on **B**iodiversity and **E**cosystem **S**ervices
- Overall objective: To provide policy relevant knowledge to inform decision making
- Established in April 2012, Panama
- 121 Members
- Secretariat hosted in Bonn, Germany



# How is IPBES organised?



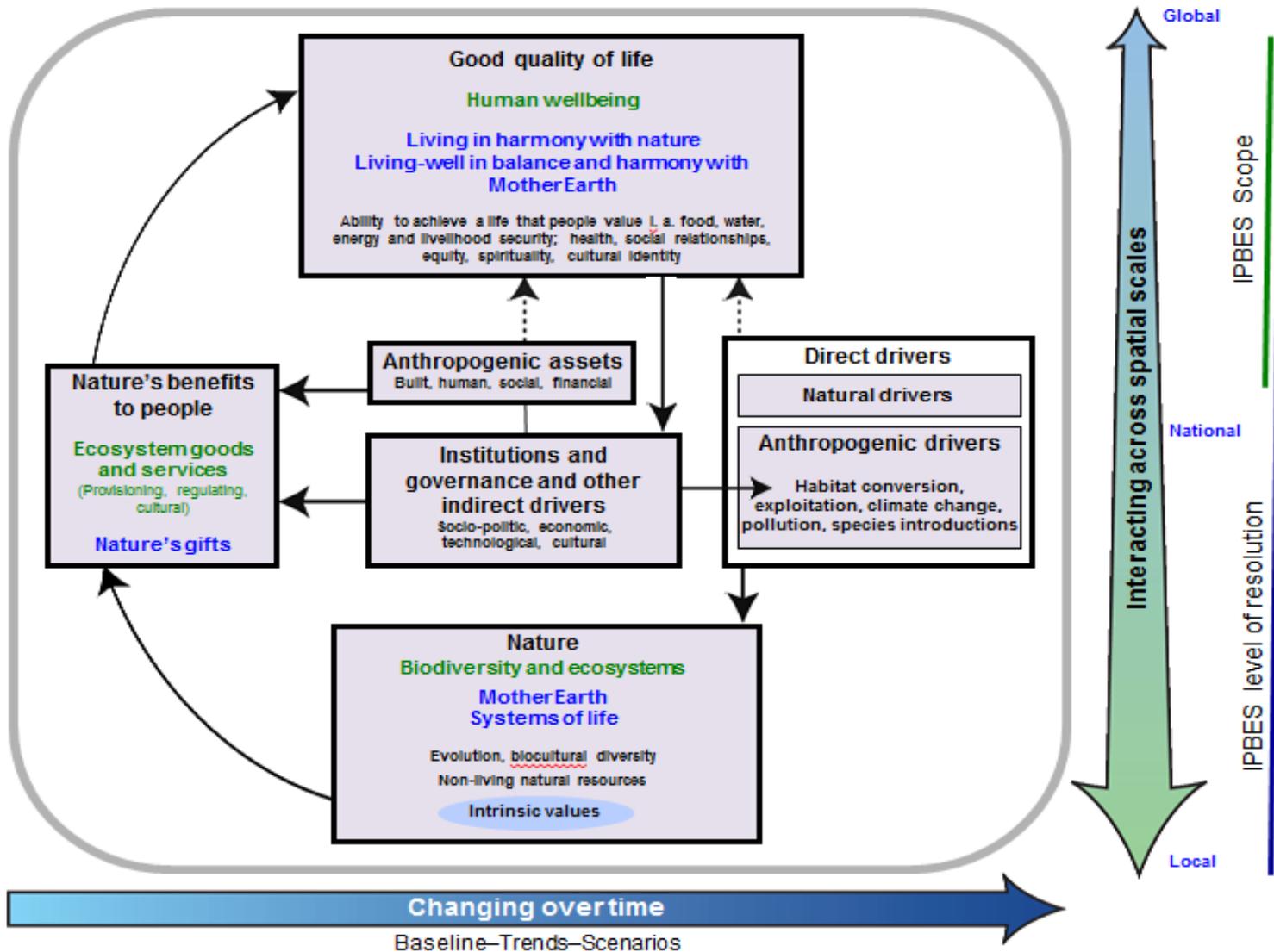
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- Deliverable 2b : A set of regional/subregional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services

# What will IPBES do?

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

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

# IPBES Analytical Conceptual Framework



# 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

# 18 Deliverables

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

- a) **Priority capacity-building-needs** to implement the Platform work programme are **matched with resources** through catalysing financial and in-kind support
- b) **Capacities needed to implement the Platform work programme are developed** with support provided by network on capacity-building
- c) Procedures and approaches for **working with indigenous and local knowledge systems**
- d) **Priority knowledge and data needs** for policy-making are addressed through catalysing efforts to generate new knowledge and networking

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

- a) **Guide on production and integration of assessments** from and across all scales
- b) **Regional/Subregional assessments** on biodiversity and ecosystem services
- c) **Global assessment** on biodiversity and ecosystem services

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

- a) One fast-track thematic **assessment on pollination** and food production
- b) Thematic **assessments on land degradation** and restoration; **on invasive alien species; and on sustainable use**.
- c) **Policy support tools and methodologies for scenarios analysis and modelling** of biodiversity and ecosystem services based on a fast-track assessment and a guide
- d) **Policy support tools and methodologies regarding diverse conceptualizations of values** of biodiversity and nature's benefits to people based on an assessment and a guide

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

- a) **Catalogue of relevant assessments**
- b) **Development of an information and data management plan**
- c) **Catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies**
- d) Set of **communication, outreach and engagement strategies**, products and processes
- e) **Reviews of the effectiveness** of guidance, procedures, methods and approaches to inform future development of the Platform

# 14 Deliverables under way

In 2014:

- work on 15 out of 18 deliverables was initiated;
- 3 task forces and 7 expert groups were established, with a total of 516 experts selected from a total of 1691 nominations submitted;
- 16 meetings were held in 8 different locations (including the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> MEP and Bureau meetings, excluding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary); and
- 6 institutional arrangements, with 4 TSUs and 2 consultants, were established to provide the technical support to implement specific deliverables.

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# Basic Principle

**Where possible IPBES is asked to Build on existing institutions:**

- **engaging centres of excellence**
- **promoting and building networks**
- **Using existing communities of practice**

**This is particularly true when it comes to:**

- **Capacity building**
- **Providing data and knowledge**

**Initial discussions with UNU on potential collaboration with RCE network:**

- **Capacity building on policy support tools and methodologies developed/presented by IPBES**

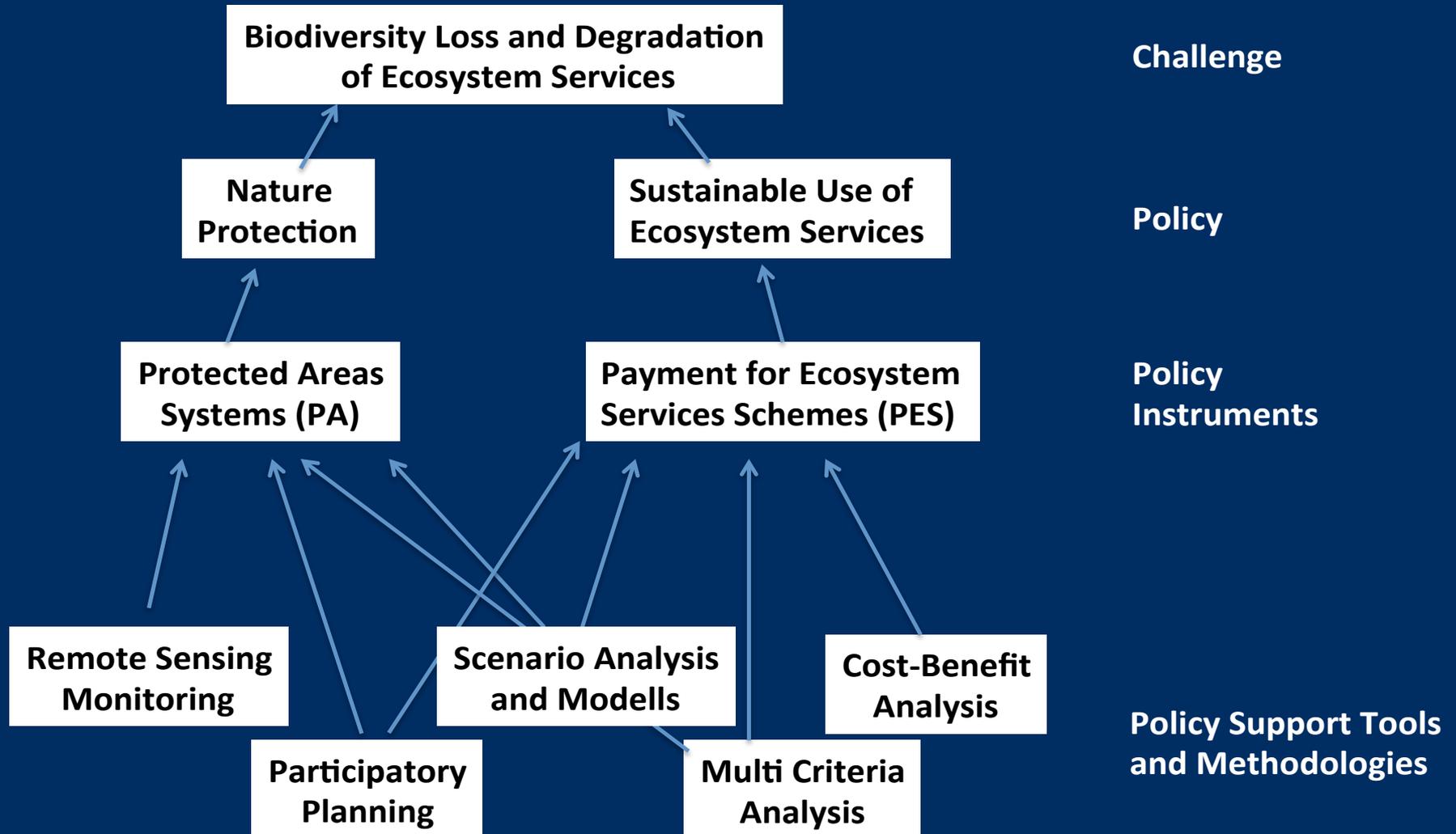
# What are policy support tools and methodologies?

**Policy support tools and methodologies** are defined as:

*approaches and techniques based on science and other knowledge systems inform and assist policy making and implementation ...*

... at local, national, regional and international levels to protect and promote nature, nature's benefits to people, and a good quality of life

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## 7 Families of Policy Support Tools and Methodologies:

1. **Assembling data and knowledge**
2. **Assessments and evaluation**
3. **Public discussion, involvement and participatory process**
4. **Selection and design of policy instruments**
5. **Implementation, outreach and enforcement**
6. **Capacity building**
7. **Social learning, innovation and adaptive governance**

Thank you!