



Updates on sub-global assessments (SGAs) network

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History of SGA Network

- 33 SGAs and associated assessments were approved under the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA).
- SGAs were designed to meet needs of decision-makers at various scales, strengthen the global findings with on-the-ground data, and strengthen the local findings with global perspectives, data, and models.
- In 2007, SGA follow-up programme was established by UNEP, in collaboration with a consortium of partners to provide support to SGAs.
- In response to increased need for building the capacity of ecosystem assessment practitioners, the SGA Network has been strengthened, with a Secretariat hosted jointly by the UNEP-WCMC and The Cropper Foundation from 2011.

The Objectives of the Network

- Build capacity to undertake and use assessments (particularly in areas related to ecosystem services valuation and indicators, strengthened link with TEEB national studies and network, etc.)
- Facilitating learning and exchange between and amongst SGA practitioners
- Support relevant global processes such as an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES), by providing a network of assessment practitioners and building blocks

Governance Structure

An Advisory Committee has been appointed

- Albert van Jaarsveld, National Research Foundation, South Africa
- Anne Teller, EC
- Dolf de Groot, Wageningen University, The Netherland
- Dolores Armenteras, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia
- Håkan Berg, SIDA
- Hal Mooney, Stanford University, USA
- Neville Ash (UNEP representative)

A Secretariat – UNEP-WCMC and TCF

The Network members!

Planned Activities - 2012

Understanding the SGAs

- Keeping a list of interested experts (individuals and organizations)
- Maintaining information on the different SGAs
- Keeping the needs of the network under review
- Synthesize information generated by SGAs for different audiences – e.g. Lessons learnt so far
- Identifying how the SGAs can contribute to other process – e.g. IPBES
- Developing regional hubs

Planned Activities - 2012

Technical Support to SGAs

- Respond to queries and link SGAs with expertise in region/country
- Capacity building workshops starting in 2012 targeting identified needs
- Scoping potential e-learning tools

Planned Activities - 2012

Communication

- With the network – quarterly newsletter
- Website further developed to increase access to resource materials such a tools, case studies, examples of good practice
- Developing communication materials on existing tools
- Annual network meeting - last quarter of 2012

Links to other processes

Monitoring

Fundraising

How do I get involved?

You and your organization can get involved either as:

- Representatives of an assessment

Or as:

- An expert in a relevant area

Or as both!

Interest in joining can be registered by sending an email to the Secretariat

Contact details

Current funders: EC and SIDA

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IPBES

Towards full operationalization



Background

- 'Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.'
- Building on MA and IMoSEB, three intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meetings held to discuss ways to strengthen the science policy interface.
- At the third meeting in Busan (June 2010), governments decided that IPBES should be established.



IPBES: Four main functions

- Knowledge generation
- Regular and timely assessments
- Support policy formulation and implementation
- Capacity building



Including:

- Independent intergovernmental body;
- Scientifically independent, credible, relevant and legitimate;
- Policy-relevant but not policy-prescriptive;
- Recognise regional contexts and needs;
- Full and effective participation of developing countries;
- Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach;
- Respect the contribution of indigenous and local knowledge; and
- Address terrestrial, marine and inland water biodiversity and ecosystem services and their interactions.



The plenary meeting to fully operationalize

1st session held on 3-7th October 2011, Nairobi

- 112 Governments, 6 MEAs, over 50 observers orgs
- Focus on modalities and institutional arrangements

2nd session to be held 16-21st April, Panama

- Resolve modalities and institutional arrangements in order to “fully operationalize the platform”

Modalities and Institution Arrangements

- Work Programme
- Functions and structures of bodies that might be established
- Rules and procedures for the platform (Plenary, additional procedures)
- Selection of location of the secretariat
- Selection of the host institution(s) of the secretariat
- Budget
- Legal issues

Stakeholder Engagement

Ongoing engagement with a range of stakeholders, including:

- UNEP, UNESCO, FAO, UNDP.
- Secretariats and Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of MEAs
- IUCN, WBCSD, GEF, CBD Alliance, etc.
- ICSU (Diversitas/IHDP), TWAS, IAC, etc.

In order to strengthen:

- Feedback from scientific stakeholders for the process are being sought.



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