



IPBES-CH: How to get involved

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The Swiss Forum Biodiversity, in close collaboration with the international section of FOEN (Federal Office for the environment), is organising an interface and platform for exchange between IPBES & the Swiss policy and science communities on biodiversity & the public.

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Swiss national platform of IPBES

- Interface and platform for exchange between IPBES & the Swiss policy and science communities on biodiversity & the public
- Coordination of IPBES activities in CH
- Nomination of experts in IPBES as authors
- Public relations, IPBES meetings & workshops
- Support of Swiss delegation in IPBES

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Activities so far:

- Preparation of Swiss position and support of the Swiss delegation with 1 or 2 delegates in IPBES for IPBES Plenaries: Panama 2012
IPBES-1 in Bonn, Jan. 2013
IPBES-2 in Antalya, Dec. 2013
- IPBES-3 in Bonn, Jan. 2015
- Kick-off meeting for the Swiss scientific and policy community to inform about IPBES (15. Nov. 2012 in Bern)
-  Pan European Stakeholder Conference, Basel, Sept. 2014

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Swiss delegation at IPBES 2 in Antalya



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IPBES Kickoff workshop for CH in Bern, 2012



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IPBES Pan European Stakeholder Conference 22 & 23. September 2014

Museum of Natural History & Museum of Cultures in Basel, Switzerland



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Website for IPBES CH platform: www.biodiversity.ch

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Intergovernmental Science-policy Plattform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

In April 2012, the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) was established, as the leading intergovernmental body for assessing the state of the planet's biodiversity, its ecosystems and the essential services they provide to society.

IPBES provides a mechanism recognized by both the scientific and policy communities to synthesize, review, assess and critically evaluate relevant information and knowledge generated worldwide by governments, academia, scientific organizations, non-governmental organizations and indigenous communities. This involves a credible group of experts in conducting assessments of such information and knowledge in a transparent way. IPBES is unique in that it will aim to strengthen capacity for the effective use of science in decision-making at all levels. Further Information at the [IPBES website](#).

The Swiss Biodiversity Forum, in close collaboration with the Federal Office for the Environment, is organizing a national platform for IPBES (soon available on this site). If you want to receive IPBES news or are interested to contribute to one of the assessments, please send your contact details to eva.spehn@scnat.ch

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Swiss IPBES Info-meeting, 3rd of March 2015, Bern

Tuesday, 03.03.2015, 13:30 till 17:00, Institute of Plant Sciences (IPS) and Botanical Garden, Altenbergrain 23, Bern, Switzerland

Nominations of experts for IPBES via CH

- Fill out the application form and attach your curricula vitae through the dedicated web portal www.ipbes.net/applicationform.html
- The application form will automatically be sent to us for approval of your nomination by Switzerland, if you indicated the following contact details: Eva Spehn, IPBES contact point for Switzerland mail: eva.spehn@scnat.ch, Tel: 0041 31 312 75 02
- Deadline: **23 March 2015!**
- Make sure you are available to participate in the meetings:
 - 2b Regional assessment Europe/CA: 31. Aug-4 Sept. 2015
 - 3b(i) Land degradation assessment: 6-10 July 2015
 - 2c Scoping of global assessment: 5-7 October 2015

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Nominations of experts for IPBES

- **Coordinating lead author:** overall responsibility for coordinating major sections and/or chapters of an assessment report
- **Lead author:** responsibility for the production of designated sections or parts of chapters.
- **Author:** prepares technical information in the form of text, graphs or data for inclusion by the lead authors in the relevant section or part of a chapter.
- **Reviewer:** comments on the accuracy and completeness of the content and the overall balance between the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of the drafts
- **Review editor:** assists the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in identifying reviewers for the expert review process

Selection of nominated experts

- Selected experts are appointed by the Bureau and the MEP to serve on a specific expert group or task force, to implement the work programme of IPBES.
- Each selected expert will receive a letter of appointment from the IPBES Secretariat.

Selection criteria for nominated experts

- Expertise, knowledge and credentials on specific issues, and commitment to the implementation of IPBES.
- Experts should reflect a **range of scientific and technical expertise** in each task force or group:
 - appropriate geographical representation
 - diversity of knowledge systems
 - gender balance
- Experts are appointed in their personal capacity, and not as representatives of particular Governments or organizations.
- Experts are expected to make input based on their knowledge and experience, independently and free from

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Responsibilities of selected experts

- contribute substantively to the work programme deliverables nominated for, both at meetings and remotely, from the beginning of the task to its conclusion.
- expected to attend all scheduled face-to-face meetings and any additional online or telephone-based meeting that might be necessary.
- to be aware of and comply with the IPBES functions and operating principles, and all policies and procedures relevant to their work, as well as of all relevant documents provided by the Secretariat in support of meetings and tasks.

Time commitment and duration of appointment

- Selected experts are expected to commit significant time and effort to supporting the expert group or task force to which they are assigned
 - Estimated time commitment could vary from attending **1 to 2-3 face-to-face meetings per year**, with additional time needed to work on particular documents.
 - Estimated duration of appointment could vary from **1 to 3 years**, depending on the work programme deliverable.
- **strongly varies** from deliverable to deliverable and depends on the role assumed within each expert group or task force.

Support for experts

- Selected experts are **expected to work pro bono** with all expertise provided in fulfilment of the assigned tasks considered as in-kind contribution and are not remunerated.
- **Expenses for experts** nominated by Switzerland for attending face-to-face meetings (travel costs and daily subsistence) will be **covered** by FOEN (handled by Swiss Biodiversity Forum).