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Swiss Biodiversity Forum

The new Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES): The Swiss biodiversity science & policy community and IPBES



Thursday, 15. November 2012, 9:00 -17:00

Institute of Plant Sciences/Botanical Garden, Altenbergrain 21, Bern
(10 min to walk from Bern main station via Lorrainebrücke; or Bus 20, stop Gewerbeschule)

Programme

8:30 Coffee in the greenhouse (follow the signs)

9:00 Registration (Main Auditorium, Institute of Plant Sciences)

Opening and Keynotes (Main Auditorium)

Moderator: Andreas Moser, SF Redaktion Netz Natur

9:15 Franz Perrez, International Affairs Division, FOEN

The role of science in environmental policy making

9:35 Bob Watson, chair of the IPBES consultative process

The IPBES platform: its 4 functions, current status and forthcoming steps of its establishment

10:00 Anne Larigauderie, DIVERSITAS

The roles of the scientific community in IPBES

10:20 Jane Smart, IUCN

How IUCN can contribute to IPBES

10:30 Markus Fischer, Swiss Biodiversity Forum:

How the Swiss scientific and policy communities can best contribute to and make use of the IPBES process.

10:50 Reto Knutti, ETHZ

Learning from IPCC

11:10 Coffee break (Greenhouse "Arbeitsraum", Botanical Garden)

11:30 Knowledge café (Greenhouse "Arbeitsraum" and "Sukkulentenhaus", Botanical Garden)

6 Thematic tables (one for each keynote) will allow participants to exchange opinions and visions and to discuss with experts already involved in the process. The most interesting questions and answers will be presented in plenary. You can pick your favorite themes and switch tables whenever you want.

Knowledge café table 1: Ensuring policy relevance

Hans Jörg Lehmann, Federal Office of Agriculture (Moderator)

José Romero, FOEN Head of Rio Conventions Section (Rapporteur)

Knowledge café table 2: Building the platform

Pierre Commenville, IUCN Policy Advisor (Moderator)

Bob Watson, Chair of IPBES (Rapporteur)

Knowledge café table 3: The roles of the scientific community in IPBES

Bernhard Schmid, Uni Zürich (Moderator)

Anne Larigauderie, DIVERSITAS and Head of ICSU delegation of IPBES (Rapporteur)

Knowledge café table 4: Biodiversity knowledge and existing databases

Daniela Pauli, Swiss Biodiversity Forum (Moderator)

Jane Smart, IUCN (Rapporteur)

Knowledge café table 5: A swiss national IPBES platform?

Sarah Pearson Perret, FOEN Head of Species, Habitats, Ecological Networks Section (Moderator)

Markus Fischer, President Swiss Biodiversity Forum (Rapporteur)

Knowledge café table 6: Why contribute to an international biodiversity assessment? Lessons from previous assessments

Christoph Ritz, ProClim Forum for Climate and Global Change (Moderator)

Reto Knutti, ETH Zürich & IPCC Coordinating Lead Author (Rapporteur)

13:00 Lunch

14:15 Plenary: Statements of stakeholders on potential links with IPBES (5 min each)

Georgios Sarantakos, GEO BON (Biodiversity Observation Network)

Matthias Plattner, Biodiversity Monitoring Switzerland

Yves Gonseth, GBIF CH

Matthias Lörtscher, BVET (CITES Focal Point)

Mirjam Ballmer, Pro Natura

Anthony Lehmann, Uni Geneva

14:50 Presentation of key questions and answers from each knowledge café table (10 min each)

15:50 Plenary discussion "What can the swiss biodiversity science and policy community offer to and take from IPBES?"

16:50 Synthesis & Outlook (Markus Fischer, Swiss Biodiversity Forum)

17:00 End

