

**CBD COP 11  
Hyderabad, India**

**Side-event on IPBES**

**Date and time: Thursday, 11 October 2012 from 13:15 – 14:45**

**Venue: Room 3**

**IPBES - FROM ESTABLISHMENT TO OPERATIONALIZATION:** IPBES, the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services was established in April 2012. However, there is much work to be done for the Platform to be operational. This event will update on the work underway to operationalize IPBES, including on the intersessional work in preparation for the first IPBES Plenary meeting to be held early in 2013.

TIME	
13:15 – 13:20	Welcome remarks by Nicola Breier, Head of Division, Ministry for the Environment, Germany
13:20 – 14:20	Interactive panel discussion with Governments and Scientific and Policy Community Moderator: Horst Korn, Germany Panelists: Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, Ghana Anne Larigauderie, ICSU/DIVERSITAS Dalle Tussie Gemedo, Ethiopia Hesiquio Benitez, Mexico Linda Collette, FAO Senka Barudanović, Bosnia and Herzegovina Thomas Koetz, EC Possibly +1 from ILCs
	Key questions to consider by the panel (in addition to those that might also be posed by members of the audience): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the greatest challenges to overcome in the further process of operationalizing IPBES?</li><li>• What do you consider to be the most important innovations of IPBES?</li><li>• What are the most important ways in which IPBES can build on existing initiatives?</li><li>• How can IPBES best meet the various needs of multiple biodiversity and ecosystem-services related Conventions and other users, and what kind of challenges will it face in doing so?</li><li>• What might be some of the initial priorities that could be considered by the Platform's work programme?</li><li>• In order to ensure the success of IPBES, there is a need to increase the availability of data and information - to promote learning and transparency, and as a core contribution to the capacity building function of the platform. How might IPBES best go about doing this?</li></ul>
14:30 – 14:40	Next steps on the IPBES Process, including the current intersessional process Presentation: Neville Ash
14:40 – 14:45	Final questions/clarification and closing of the session