

IPBES / SOP.2

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Platform
– Formal Establishment –

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After seven years of international negotiations, starting in Paris in 2005 where discussion of the International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity (IMoSEB) was initiated and including three Ad-hoc

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to be invited as observers”.² Regarding the MEP, its members will be appointed at the first formal meeting of the IPBES Plenary. A parallel process of consultation will be undertaken

the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) was finally established by

permanent (regional representativeness and balance regarding scientific disciplines and expertise).

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Physical Location

Another key achievement of IPBES-SOP.2 was the decision to formally locate the Platform's Secretariat in Bonn, Germany. Five countries (Republic of Korea, Kenya, Germany, India and France) had entered into bidding to host the Secretariat, which was ultimately resolved only by formal voting. The voting process continued for four rounds until Germany won with 47 votes to second-finisher Republic of Korea's 43. The offer from the German government includes an annual contribution to IPBES of US\$1.3 million plus US\$700 000 towards

on the basis of minimum requirements. Additional work needs to be achieved in the intersessional period to make the Platform fully operational. As next steps, the conceptual framework will be prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to all governments and stakeholders through an online consultation process. Governments and stakeholders will be invited to send proposals on capacity building to the Secretariat, to be compiled and presented to the first meeting of the IPBES Plenary for review.

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CHAPTER 10

Marine Renewable Energy

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