

Business involvement in the Intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder science policy  
Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on IPBES  
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The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) could become the international reference for independent, credible scientific advice for decision making. At the third meeting on IPBES in the Republic of Korea in June 2010, Governments and other stakeholders will decide whether to establish this new science policy.

Message for IPBES; towards a multistakeholder platform that recognises the role of business

In order to ensure mutual benefits for both business and IPBES, WBCSD and IUCN support the establishment of an overarching and authoritative platform to provide independent policy relevant scientific information:

IPBES should be designed to be the authoritative source of credible policy relevant knowledge on biodiversity, ecosystem services, and human well being in order to facilitate access of relevant information to all decision makers.

IPBES should particularly aim to:

- Assess existing knowledge, identify gaps and encourage further research in areas where it is needed;
- Deliver methods and tools that are relevant and readily usable for decision makers and practitioners, including in the private sector.

IPBES needs to be a multistakeholder platform to ensure its credibility, legitimacy and transparency. It needs to respond to the needs of the wide range of decision makers and practitioners contributing to biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well being, including in the business sector.

Business wants to engage and participate in IPBES. The 3rd Intergovernmental and Multi Stakeholder Meeting on IPBES will need to further define the role of business in the governance and functions of IPBES.

We wish the meeting success in its deliberations, and look forward to an outcome that takes into account the needs of business as custodians and users of biodiversity and ecosystem services and that recognises the role that business can play in the success of a new mechanism.

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