

1. International Network Meeting

January 9th 2015, Bonn

UN Campus, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, 53113 Bonn
Room 1916, 19th floor Langer Eugen building

9.00	Arrival and welcome	
9.15	Introduction to BSPIN	Georg Barth
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Scope, mission, objectives & general activities▪ Retrospect previous activities▪ Organisation▪ Communication channels	
9.40	Opening address of IPBES member	N.N.
10.00	Round of introductions of participants	Katja Heubach
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participant inventory▪ Individual rounds of introduction	
11.00	Coffee break	
11.30	Presentation & discussion: knowledge gaps & research needs	Yves Zinngrebe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ BSPIN Side Event at CBD-COP-12 & survey▪ Research needs as identified through CBD process▪ Discussion presented issues	
12.30	Lunch break	
13.30	BSPIN – possible activities of the network	Katja Heubach
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Formal engagement in IPBES process▪ Participant interrogation: previous involvement in IPBES▪ Possible network activities & organisational structures	
15.00	Coffee break	
15.20	BSPIN – conclusions on activities for 2015/2016	Katja Heubach
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Summary of agreed activities in 2015/2016▪ Constitution of working groups incl. responsibilities	
15.50	People & organisations involved in IPBES	Malte Timpte
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Stakeholders & experts in IPBES▪ Representation and balance (gender, stakeholders, young scientists)	
16.10	BSPIN – organisation of the network’s work during IPBES-3	Malte Timpte
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Experiences in intergovernmental processes▪ Organisation of work: ‘collaborative observation’	
16.50	Closing	Katja Heubach
20.00	Get-together at restaurant	

BSPIN

Biodiversity
Science-Policy-Interfaces
Network

Scope

We are an international and interdisciplinary network of early career scientists interested and engaged in science-policy interfaces (SPIs*) related to global biodiversity policy. We focus on institutions such as the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). We warmly welcome other early career scientists (ECS) interested in those topics to join the network.

Mission

Our mission is to link young scholars interested in science-policy interface processes within the field of global biodiversity policy and to improve their capacities to actively engage in them, as well as in transdisciplinary research being the foundation of such processes.

Objectives

Advancing research of ECS

- Towards SPIs' work programmes (i.e. generating knowledge directly relevant for SPI assessments or other SPI activities)
- On SPIs (i.e. generating knowledge about relevant processes, design options, etc.)

Advancing engagement of ECS in SPIs in global biodiversity policy

- By building capacities of network members and other interested ECS
- By communicating the potential of ECS and encouraging their involvement

Activities

Linking

- ECS interested in SPI-processes to exchange information, knowledge and ideas, as well as to institutionalize a network that represents the interest of young knowledge holders at SPIs
- ECS to other stakeholders in SPI processes

Communicating

- relevance and needs of SPIs to ECS
- relevance of ECS for SPIs to other stakeholders

Building capacity

- of ECS to create knowledge for and understanding of SPI processes
- of ECS to actively participate in SPI processes

Engaging

- in SPI-processes by commenting on SPI strategies and/or activities, and related documents (e.g. via online consultations, workshops, side events or publications)
- in SPI-processes by feeding relevant knowledge into assessment processes and scientific-technical activities related to the work programmes of SPIs

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**SPIs are "social processes which encompass relations between scientists and other actors in the policy process, and which allow for exchanges, co-evolution, and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of enriching decision-making" (van den Hove 2007).*

