

Agenda Item 5: Contribution of the Convention to the IPBES intersessional process

Thank you Mr./Madam. Chair,

First of all, Japan welcomes the proposed input to the draft work plan of IPBES, which is basically based on past decisions and the information necessary for the implementation of Strategic Plan and the achievement of the Aichi Targets. We would like to emphasize the importance on avoiding duplication and maximizing synergies between IPBES and SBSTTA for achieving the draft work plan as well as implementing the Convention in a cost-effective way.

Mr./Madam. Chair, the paragraph 18 of the document 17/4 states that it would be challenging to have a thoroughly reviewed report of Global Assessment approved by IPBES at the COP in 2018. Even though it is very challenging, if the draft schedule of the assessment would be fulfilled, the report would be approved by the first-quarter of 2018 and it might be possible to have and discuss the report at the COP in 2018. In order to review the progress of the achievement of the Aichi Target and urge countries to take further action in last few years of the targeted period, we considers it would be preferable to discuss the result of the assessment well in advance before 2020.

Regarding the links of future editions of Global Biodiversity Outlook to IPBES, two options are raised in the meeting document. Japan considers it might be an option that GBO focusing on compiling and analyzing national reports for assessing the progress of the implementation of Strategic Plan and the achievement of the Aichi Targets, and sharing the result with IPBES to minimize the duplication, and then, if it is possible, we should reconsider the name of the GBO report.

Thank you Mr./Madam. Chair.