

The UK wishes to recall that the work of IPBES is intended to be policy relevant and not policy prescriptive. The work of IPBES also has to serve multiple demands not just those of the CBD.

To make the most of the new opportunities that IPBES provides for the CBD, the UK believes that the role of SBSTTA should be, firstly, to identify and communicate the needs of the CBD to IPBES so that they may be considered in the development and implementation of the IPBES work programme; and secondly to review the outputs from IPBES to draw conclusions and recommendations to support implementation of the CBD.

We believe that the thematic, regional and global assessments that are proposed to be undertaken by IPBES should contribute to the review of effectiveness of the Aichi Targets and achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity to be undertaken by SBSTTA. These assessments should also identify the future trends and policy options which can inform advice provided by SBSTTA to COP and the development of a Strategic Plan beyond 2020. In this context, the role of future editions of the Global Biodiversity Outlook should be reviewed, and reduced in scope, once it is known what elements will be included in IPBES assessments. (Norway, Brazil, Japan). We also note the alignment of interests of SBSTTA and IPBES in promoting capacity building and must ensure we avoid duplication.

Considering the intent to avoid duplication of work, and noting the already effective engagement of the SBSTTA Bureau and Executive Secretary in meetings and the inter-sessional process of IPBES, SBSTTA may wish to

Request the Chair of the SBSTTA Bureau and the Executive Secretary to continue collaboration with IPBES in line with COP decision XI/2 in the further development, scoping and implementation of the work programme of IPBES during the forthcoming inter-sessional period; - Germany, Norway

Request the Executive Secretary to transmit the key findings this meeting to IPBES to provide further explanatory information on requests already submitted by the CBD.

Request COP to request SBSTTA to continue its collaboration with IPBES and to review the GBO content and process in light of the experience of GBO4 and the on-going planned work programme of IPBES. - Germany