



ITEM 5: CONTRIBUTION OF THE CONVENTION TO IPBES INTERSESSIONAL PROCESS

Thank you Mr Chairman

South Africa supports the work of the IPBES and the notion of a fast track assessment route for some of the IPBES assessments in order to add value to the CBD Global Assessment process.

It would be important for the timeframes for the IPBES assessments to be aligned such that the IPBES input provides further science-based input into the CBD and other related biodiversity MEA processes.

An assessment of the list of priorities from the COP and COP/MOPs shows that the scientific needs for the convention are far wider than those addressed under the ambit of IPBES and it is therefore necessary for the Convention to also have other mechanisms for continued generation of best possible science and policy information to inform decision making. We therefore view The CBD SBSTTA and IPBES as complimentary systems for scientific engagements.

Thank you