

IMoSEB 2006-2007:

a worldwide consultation towards an International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity

An original, open and inclusive exploratory process

North American Consultation

"Science-Policy interface is of critical importance. More science is better but translating information into action is more important"



European Consultation

"A flexible, light and hybrid model, based on existing structures ... exploring the potentiality of a network of networks"



Asian Consultation

"Be an Intergovernmental Panel with guiding principles: scientific credibility, political legitimacy and relevance"



South American Consultation

"All forms of knowledge should be taken into account. Need to strengthen the interface between technical/scientific expertise and decision making"

African Consultation

"A simple, decentralised, adaptable, flexible, non-bureaucratic structure, close to and accessible by the actors, capable of sharing knowledge and responding quickly"

Oceanian Consultation

"This mechanism should be civil society driven, and both reactive and pro-active. Representatives of local and indigenous communities and business sector should be included"

Final recommendations



"Recommended to strengthen the science-policy interface in ways that respect a number of principles:

- be scientifically independent, credible, inclusive,
- be policy legitimate through inter-governmental and multi-stakeholder involvement,
- be policy relevant without being policy prescriptive,
- be responsive to decision-makers needs,
- be communicated in an appropriate form for consideration and possible action,
- be based on a robust and relevant conceptual framework,
- address decision-makers from governments and other sectors of society at global, regional and national scales,
- be supported by networking efforts of scientific and knowledge holders,
- promote dialogue between international agencies and decision-makers"

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