

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).

