**Side Event: Key Elements of A Possible Conceptual Framework for IPBES**

**IPBES-1 Day 2: Tuesday 22 January 2013**

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SIDE EVENT:** This side event will present main issues related to a possible conceptual framework for IPBES. This is the result of an expert workshop held at UNESCO (Paris, France) on Oct 29 to 31, 2012. The workshop was organized following the request by participants in the IPBES meeting in Panama in 2012 to the Interim Secretariat to prepare a document on the development of a possible conceptual framework for IPBES as part of the intersessional programme of work. This expert workshop was made possible thanks to the kind financial contributions of the Japan Ministry of the Environment and IUCN.

**AGENDA/SPEAKERS FOR SIDE EVENT:**

1. **Introduction:** Salvatore ARICO (UNESCO) and Neville ASH, UNEP (for the IPBES Interim Secretariat)

2. **Brief remarks from representatives of the Japan Ministry of the Environment and IUCN**

3. **Presentation of key elements if a conceptual framework for IPBES:** Georgina MACE (University College London, UK)

4. **Questions & Answers session and discussion between the participants and the other panelists**

   **Panelists:** Eduardo BRONDIZIO (Indiana University Bloomington, USA and Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, France), Thomas BROOKS (IUCN), Anantha DURAIAPPAAH (UNU-IHDP), Anne LARIGAUDERIE (DIVERSITAS) and Kazuhiko TAKEUCHI (UNU and Japan)

   **Moderator:** Albert van Jaarsveld (South Africa)

*Sandwiches and drinks will be provided, and a dedicated brochure distributed.*