Technical Support Unit (TSU)
Africa Regional Assessment
Who we are

- Luthando Dziba – Head
- Michele Walters – Coordinator
- Programme Officer – just interviewed
- Monana Dhliwayo – Intern (CSIR)
- Paleka Naidoo – Intern (DEA)
- Tshidi Ramabu – Intern (CSIR)
- 2 more DEA interns to start next week
What we do – general/global

• An extension of IPBES sec
• Facilitate IPBES plenary & MEP/Bureau meetings
• Coordination between Regional and Degradation Assessments
• Liaise with the Task forces and other TSUs on ILK, Scenarios & Models, Capacity building, Data & Knowledge etc.
What we do – general/global

• Liaise with other Assessments and MEP on ES to be assessed, ecosystem units to be assessed etc.
• Maintain lists – eg datasets used, references, glossaries – coordinate with other assessments
What we do - regional

• Responsible for process and coordination
• No input to content – conflict of interest
• Coordinating inputs and nagging – CLAs, LAs, Review Editors, Expert Reviewers
• Interface between CCs and CLAs/LAs
• On request from CLAs – find experts, data, information
What we do - regional

• Develop and maintain DB of experts
• Facilitate nominations through governments and organisations
• An unholy amount of formatting
Want to contribute?

- To review - FOD is out for review
- Other - Contact Michele mwalters@csir.co.za