

## Decision IPBES-10/2: Organization of the Plenary and dates and venues of future sessions of the Plenary

### *The Plenary*

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Government of Namibia to host the eleventh session of the Plenary from 10 to 16 December 2024 in Windhoek, subject to the successful conclusion of a host country agreement;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to conclude and sign a host country agreement for the eleventh session of the Plenary with the Government of Namibia as soon as possible, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 and in compliance with the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342 on guidelines for the preparation of host Government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243;<sup>1</sup>
3. *Decides* that the twelfth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services will be held in the second half of 2025, taking into account the calendar of relevant international meetings;
4. *Invites* members of the Platform in a position to do so to consider hosting the twelfth session of the Plenary;
5. *Requests* the Bureau, in consultation with the members of the Platform, to decide on the specific dates of the twelfth session of the Plenary, taking into account the calendar of relevant intergovernmental meetings;
6. *Also requests* the Bureau, in consultation with members, to decide on the venue for the twelfth session of the Plenary, taking into account any offers from members to host the session, which should be subject to the successful conclusion of a host country agreement;
7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in the event that the Bureau decides to accept the offer of a specific Government to host the twelfth session of the Plenary, to conclude and sign a host country agreement for the twelfth session of the Plenary with that Government as soon as possible, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 and in compliance with the provisions of the United Nations administrative instruction on guidelines for the preparation of host Government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243;
8. *Invites* the Bureau to take the timelines of IPBES assessments into account when considering the dates of future sessions of the Plenary, with a view to enabling their timely consideration by relevant bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions;
9. *Takes note* of the draft provisional agendas for the eleventh and twelfth sessions of the Plenary, which are set out in annexes I and II, respectively, to the present decision;
10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to invite members and observers that are allowed enhanced participation in accordance with decision IPBES-5/4 to provide written comments on the proposed organization of work of the eleventh session of the Plenary;
11. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to finalize the proposed organization of work for the eleventh session of the Plenary in line with comments received at the tenth session of the Plenary and written comments received in response to the invitation referred to in paragraph 10 of the present decision.

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<sup>1</sup> ST/AI/342.

## **Annex I to decision IPBES-10/2**

### **Draft provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
  - (b) Status of the membership of the Platform;
  - (c) Election of officers.
3. Admission of observers.
4. Credentials of representatives.
5. Report of the Executive Secretary on progress in the implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030.
6. Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform.
7. Assessing knowledge:
  - (a) Thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health;
  - (b) Thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity;
  - (c) Scoping report for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
  - (d) Engagement with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
8. Building capacity, strengthening knowledge foundations and supporting policy.
9. Improving the effectiveness of the Platform.
10. Organization of the Plenary; dates and venues of future sessions of the Plenary.
11. Institutional arrangements: United Nations collaborative partnership arrangement for the work of the Platform and its secretariat.
12. Adoption of the decisions and the report of the session.
13. Closure of the session.

## **Annex II to decision IPBES-10/2**

### **Draft provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
  - (b) Status of the membership of the Platform;
  - (c) Election of officers.
3. Admission of observers.
4. Credentials of representatives.
5. Report of the Executive Secretary on progress in the implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030.
6. Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform.
7. Assessing knowledge:
  - (a) Methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people;
  - (b) Engagement with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
8. Building capacity, strengthening knowledge foundations and supporting policy.
9. Improving the effectiveness of the Platform.
10. Organization of the Plenary; dates and venues of future sessions of the Plenary.
11. Institutional arrangements: United Nations collaborative partnership arrangement for the work of the Platform and its secretariat.
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