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**Virtual dialogue with national focal points of the  
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on  
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**  
6 – 10 July 2020

## **Provisional agenda for the virtual dialogue with national focal points**

1. This virtual dialogue meeting is organized as part of IPBES work on building capacity and engaging with Governments, respectively objective 2 and objective 5(b) of the IPBES 2030 rolling work programme, to strengthen involvement and ownership by Governments in the production of the nexus and the transformative change scoping reports.
2. The objective of the meeting is to increase the policy relevance of both the nexus assessment (thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health in the context of climate change (nexus assessment) and the transformative change assessment (thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity), by strengthening the engagement of Governments in the review of both scoping reports. This will be done through sessions aimed at informing national focal points on the content of the reports, and sessions aimed at sharing experience among national focal points on the submission of review comments.
3. The virtual dialogue meeting will take place 6-10 July 2020. Participants are invited to take part in three sessions during the week:
  - a. Monday 6 July: Introductory session, organized twice to accommodate different time zones, during which experts assisting with the scoping of the nexus and transformative change assessments will present the draft scoping reports;
  - b. Wednesday 8 July and Thursday 9 July: Regional dialogues with facilitated discussions among national focal points and scoping experts with an opportunity to reflect on experiences in the preparation of review comments. A session open to all regions is held on 8 July to accommodate different time zones;
  - c. Friday 10 July: Concluding session, organized twice to accommodate different time zones, summarising the discussions and providing information on the process towards IPBES 8.
4. An overview of the week is shown in the schedule below while further details for each session are available in the draft agenda at the bottom of this document.

**Overview schedule:**

<b>July 6-10, 2020</b>					
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
09.00-11.00 CEST <a href="#">Time</a> <a href="#">Zone</a> <a href="#">Converter</a>	<b>Introductory session (OPTION 1)</b>  Welcome and objectives of the meeting  Introduction to IPBES and the virtual dialogue  Introduction to the draft scoping reports of the nexus and transformative change assessments		<b>Open dialogue session</b>  <b>NFPs from all regions</b> Discussions on the draft scoping reports of the nexus and the transformative change assessments	<b>Regional dialogues</b>  <b>NFPs from the Asia-Pacific region</b> Discussions on the draft scoping reports of the nexus and the transformative change assessments	<b>Concluding session (OPTION 1)</b>  Summary of the discussions  IPBES external review process and how to submit comments to draft (scoping) reports  Next steps and closing
13.00-15.00 CEST <a href="#">Time</a> <a href="#">Zone</a> <a href="#">Converter</a>			<b>Regional dialogues</b>  <b>NFPs from the Eastern European region</b> Discussions on the draft scoping reports of the nexus and the transformative change assessments	<b>Regional dialogues</b>  <b>NFPs from the Africa region</b> Discussions on the draft scoping reports of the nexus and the transformative change assessments	
16.00-18.00 CEST <a href="#">Time</a> <a href="#">Zone</a> <a href="#">Converter</a>	<b>Introductory session (OPTION 2)</b>  Welcome and objectives of the meeting  Introduction to IPBES and the virtual dialogue  Introduction to the draft scoping reports of the nexus and transformative change assessments		<b>Regional dialogues</b>  <b>NFPs from the Latin America Caribbean region</b> Discussions on the draft scoping reports of the nexus and the transformative change assessments	<b>Regional dialogues</b>  <b>NFPs from the WEOG region</b> Discussions on the draft scoping reports of the nexus and the transformative change assessments	<b>Concluding session (OPTION 2)</b>  Summary of the discussions  IPBES external review process and how to submit comments to draft (scoping) reports  Next steps and closing

## Provisional agenda

<b>Monday 6 July – Introductory session</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
20 min before the meeting starts	Call is open
15 min	Welcome Introduction to IPBES and the virtual dialogue
15 min 30 min	Introduction to the draft scoping report of the nexus assessment Questions for clarification
15 min 30 min	Introduction to the draft scoping report of the transformative change assessment Questions for clarification
15 min	Process forward for the week

<b>Wednesday/Thursday /8/9 July – Regional dialogue sessions</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
20 min before the meeting starts	Call is open
5-7 min	Recap of the global session on Monday and plans for the day
30-40 min	Discussion on the draft scoping report of the nexus assessment - Reactions and reflections on the draft presented
30-40 min	Discussion on the draft scoping report of the transformative change assessment - Reactions and reflections on the draft presented
20 min	National processes to prepare comments
5-7 min	Conclusion and process forward

<b>Friday 10 July – Concluding session</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
20 min before the meeting starts	Call is open
10 - 15 min	Recap of the previous sessions and plans for the day Summary of the discussions on the draft scoping report of the nexus assessment Summary of the discussions on the draft scoping report of the transformative change assessment
10 - 12 min	IPBES external review process – general instructions and how to submit comments and reminder of timelines Questions about process or challenges/troubleshooting
3 - 5 min	Closing of the meeting