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of IPBES assessments in policymaking in Africa**

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Provisional agenda

Connection details

1. The dialogue will be held using the platform Zoom. Connection details will be shared with registered participants by email.
2. French<>English interpretation will be provided. To ensure that the best possible interpretation service is provided, participants are encouraged to take the following into consideration:
 - Check your internet connection in advance of the meeting (try joining 15 minutes before the start). The internet connection tends to be stronger when using an ethernet cable or a dedicated Wi-Fi connection.
 - Use headsets with a microphone if possible
 - Please check you have the latest version of zoom downloaded: *Version: 5.5.4* and check for any Zoom software updates. Further information can be found [here](#).

Objective of the meeting

3. To promote and support the use of findings of IPBES assessments in policymaking. This work contributes to objective 4(a) of the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030, entitled: “advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies”.
4. For this purpose, the dialogue will promote an exchange of views between different stakeholders from the African region in order to better understand the current use of IPBES products in the development and implementation of their national and regional policies, plans and initiatives, in order to increase their effective use in the future.

Tentative schedule

Time (CET)	Session
12:45-13:00	Join meeting (connection details will be sent by email)
13:00-13:15	Opening of the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luthando Dziba, Co-chair of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel Anne Larigauderie, IPBES Executive Secretary
13:15-13:35	Brief overview of the Regional Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Africa and the Assessment of land degradation and restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emma Archer – Co-chair, Regional assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa Bob Scholes – Co-chair, Assessment report on land degradation and restoration
13:35-13:45	Q&A
13:45-14:10	Examples of how the IPBES assessments have been used to support policymaking processes at national level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malawi: Lilian Chimphepo – IPBES national focal point Cote d'Ivoire: Hyacinthe Tié – IPBES national focal point Morocco: Prof Taleb Mohammed Sghir – MEP member Cameroon: Dr. Francois Hiol Hiol – Co-chair of national ecosystem assessment (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
14:10-15:10	Moderated discussion: <p>a) Identify further examples of how IPBES assessments have been used in policymaking at the national level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have IPBES assessments been used in your country or at the regional level to support policymaking? If so, which ones and how? At which levels (national, subnational or local) are IPBES assessments being used the most? Why do you think that is the case? Which specific parts of the IPBES assessments have you used to support policy processes and why? (e.g., summaries for policymakers, chapters (any chapter in particular?)) Have the IPBES assessments been used only by environment agencies or also by governmental agencies in other sectors? Which ones? For what purpose have you used the IPBES assessments? (e.g., to formulate policy and technical measures, elaborate technical reports, promote capacity-building and awareness raising) <p>b) Discuss challenges and opportunities for increasing the use of ongoing and future IPBES assessments in policymaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the key challenges that you and your colleagues have faced in using IPBES assessments for policymaking? What are the key benefits that you have experienced of using IPBES assessments to support policy processes? <p>c) Identify how IPBES can help overcome some of the challenges mentioned and engage a wider range of national agencies in using those findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What could be done to further promote and facilitate the use of IPBES assessments in supporting policymaking? How can the challenges identified earlier be most effectively addressed, and by whom? How can IPBES build on and further promote sharing of experiences of countries in using IPBES assessments most effectively?
15:10 – 15:20	Final wrap up and closing remarks

Key information resources

- [The regional assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa \(full report\)](#)
- [The regional assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa \(summary for policymakers\)](#)
- [Assessment report on land degradation and restoration \(full report\)](#)
- [Assessment report on land degradation and restoration \(summary for policymakers\)](#)
- [Assessment report on pollinators, pollination and food production \(full report\)](#)
- [Assessment report on pollinators, pollination and food production \(summary for policymakers\)](#)
- [IPBES Regional Assessments \(video\)](#)
- [IPBES Regional Assessment of Africa \(video\)](#)
- [IPBES Assessment of Land Degradation and Restoration \(video\)](#)
- [The Critical Importance of Pollinators \(video\)](#)