

## Decision IPBES-8/3: Organization of the Plenary and dates and venues of future sessions of the Plenary

### *The Plenary*

1. *Decides* that the ninth session of the Plenary will be held in 2022 and requests the Bureau to decide on the specific dates of the session, taking into account the calendar of relevant intergovernmental meetings;
2. *Requests* the Bureau to decide on the venue of the ninth session of the Plenary;
3. *Also requests* the Bureau to decide on the modalities of the ninth session, including the possibility of holding the meeting online should circumstances not make an in-person meeting feasible;
4. *Decides* that the tenth session of the Plenary will be held in April and/or May 2023;
5. *Also decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Government of the United States of America to host the tenth session of the Plenary in Madison, Wisconsin, subject to the successful conclusion of a host country agreement;
6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to conclude and sign a host country agreement for the tenth session of the Plenary with the Government of the United States of America as soon as possible and in conformity with the applicable United Nations rules and procedures;
7. *Takes note* of the draft provisional agendas for the ninth and tenth sessions of the Plenary, which are set out in the annex to the present decision;
8. *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 ninth session of the Plenary;
9. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to finalize the proposed organization of work for the ninth session of the Plenary in line with comments received at the eighth session of the Plenary and written comments received in response to the invitation referred to in paragraph 8 of the present decision.

## **Annex to decision IPBES-8/3**

### **I. Draft provisional agenda for the ninth 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 to the ninth session of the Plenary of the Platform.
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 sustainable use of wild species;
  - (b) Methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services;
  - (c) Scoping report for a methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people;
  - (d) Work related to the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change and collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
8. Building capacity, strengthening knowledge foundations and supporting policy:
  - (a) Work programme deliverables and task force workplans;
  - (b) Nature Futures Framework prepared by the task force on scenarios and models.
9. Improving the effectiveness of the Platform.
10. Requests, inputs and suggestions for additional elements of the rolling work programme of the Platform up to 2030.
11. Organization of the Plenary; dates and venues of future sessions of the Plenary.
12. Adoption of the decisions and the report of the session.
13. Closure of the session.

### **II. Draft provisional agenda for the tenth 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 to the tenth session of the Plenary of the Platform.
4. Credentials of representatives.

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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 invasive alien species;
    - (b) Work related to the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change and collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
  8. Building capacity, strengthening knowledge foundations and supporting policy.
  9. Improving the effectiveness of the Platform.
  10. Requests, inputs and suggestions for additional elements of the rolling work programme of the Platform up to 2030.
  11. Organization of the Plenary; dates and venues of future sessions of the Plenary.
  12. Adoption of the decisions and the report of the session.
  13. Closure of the session.