

Decision IPBES-2/2: Multidisciplinary Expert Panel

The Plenary

1. *Reiterates* the need to ensure that the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel reflects regional, gender and disciplinary balance consistent with the rules of procedure, in particular rule 26;
2. *Emphasizes* that the final choice of the nominees of each regional grouping is the responsibility of that grouping;
3. *Requests* the interim Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to prepare a report, by June 2014, reflecting on the lessons learned with regard to its functioning and how to improve it;
4. *Urges* the regional groupings, in submitting nominations of Panel members, to take into account the need for gender balance and disciplinary diversity in order to attain an overall gender and disciplinary balance of the Panel;
5. *Also urges* the regional groupings to begin consultations on possible nominees early and to engage with their respective Bureau members, as appropriate, to facilitate discussions within and across the regions in order to ensure a balanced Multidisciplinary Expert Panel;
6. *Encourages* the regional groupings to solicit nominations for potential Panel candidates from the widest range of stakeholders;
7. *Encourages* each regional grouping to consider nominating for a further term from one to three current Panel members to ensure continuity within the Panel;
8. *Requests* the Panel and the Bureau, by the end of the first work programme, to assess the functionality of the United Nations regional structure in ensuring the most appropriate regional balance of the Panel and to evaluate and propose options for the regional distribution of members of the Panel.