

Decision IPBES/1/2 Next steps for the development of the initial IPBES work programme

The Plenary,

Noting that work under this decision will be performed as indicated by the IPBES Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP), among other entities, including the secretariat where specified. The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau will each work within their respective roles and responsibilities as defined in subsections III (B) and III (C) of the institutional arrangements of the Platform. This decision directs both of those subsidiary bodies to work on specific tasks, for which it is expected that they will consult with each other through their chairpersons as needed in an ad hoc manner.

A. Work programme 2014-2018

1. *Requests* the secretariat to compile and structure all the available information and to prepare a document on draft work programme elements for the period 2014-2018 to support the preparation of the work programme, taking into account deliberations of the Plenary and requests received.

2. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau, to:

(a) develop a draft work programme for 2014-2018 with a sequenced and prioritized set of objectives, deliverables, actions and milestones for advancing the four functions of IPBES (assessment, knowledge generation, policy support and capacity-building) at relevant scales, taking into account the information compiled by the secretariat, and noting relevant requests, inputs and suggestions submitted, including by giving consideration to those made by multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services;

(b) work with the secretariat to contact those who have submitted requests prior to the IPBES Plenary to provide additional information according to the guidelines in paragraph 7 of Decision IPBES/1/3 on the procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform;

(c) complete the draft work programme taking account of the comments received during the review phase (described below) and the requests made of the Platform, and suggest options for institutional arrangements for the implementation of the work programme including any subsidiary bodies and their terms of reference.

3. *Requests* the secretariat to submit the draft work programme with indicative cost estimates prepared in consultation with the Bureau to members, observers and stakeholders for their comments through an open process, and to compile the comments received for consideration by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau prior to the second Plenary.

4. *Requests* the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau, to provide cost estimates for implementation of the revised work programme 2014-2018, also taking into account the proposed institutional arrangements, and suggesting the related actions that need to be taken by the Plenary at its second session.

B. Receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform

5. *Invites* members to submit requests, including those conveyed by multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services as determined by their respective governing bodies, following the agreed procedure and guidance set out in Decision IPBES/1/3 on the procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform.

6. *Invites* United Nations bodies related to biodiversity and ecosystem services and relevant stakeholders, such as intergovernmental organizations, international and regional scientific organizations, and environment trust funds, to submit inputs and suggestions following the agreed procedure and guidance set out in Decision IPBES/1/3 on the procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform.

7. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the requests, inputs and suggestions submitted for analysis by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau.

8. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau to prepare a report containing a prioritized list of requests, as well as a prioritized list of inputs and suggestions, for consideration of the Plenary at its second session following the agreed procedure and guidance set out in Decision IPBES/1/3 on the procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform.

C. Knowledge systems

9. *Requests* the secretariat to compile all comments received on the information document on recognizing indigenous and local knowledge and building synergies with science (IPBES/1/INF/5), and to support the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in convening a multidisciplinary and regionally balanced expert and stakeholder workshop, among other actions, to provide input on this matter in developing the conceptual framework and other aspects of the work of the Platform.

10. *Invites* members, observers and other stakeholders to submit nominations to the secretariat for participation in the multidisciplinary and regionally balanced expert workshop for consideration by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel.

11. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to recommend possible procedures and approaches for working with different knowledge systems for consideration by the Plenary at its second session, drawing on the inputs received.

D. Conceptual framework

12. *Requests* the secretariat to compile all comments received on the conceptual framework (IPBES/1/INF/9), and to support the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in convening a multidisciplinary and regionally balanced expert and stakeholder workshop, among other actions, to provide inputs to the development of a draft conceptual framework for the Platform.

13. *Invites* members, observers and other stakeholders to submit nominations to the secretariat for participation in the multidisciplinary and regionally balanced expert workshop for consideration by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel.

14. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to recommend a conceptual framework for adoption by the Plenary at its second session that effectively addresses the objective, functions and relevant operating principles of the Platform and the relationship among them, drawing on a range of sources and activities including the inputs received from the workshops and the work on knowledge systems described in the section above.

E. Scoping process

15. *Requests* the secretariat to compile all comments received on the scoping process and prepare a document for consideration by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel.

16. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to review the document, and to recommend a scoping process for consideration by the Plenary at its second session.

F. Procedures relating to reports and deliverables

17. *Requests* the secretariat to compile all comments received and prepare the document on procedures for the preparation of assessments and the review, acceptance, adoption, approval and publication of reports and other deliverables (IPBES/1/INF/3).

18. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to review the draft, and to recommend a set of procedures for consideration by the Plenary at its second session.

G. Potential future regional structure and composition of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel

19. *Requests* the secretariat to compile all views and comments received on the information document on the regional structure and composition of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (IPBES/1/INF/7) and present a revised document to the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel.

20. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to work with the Bureau to review the document, and to make a recommendation for consideration by the Plenary at its second session on the regional structure and composition of the future Multidisciplinary Expert Panel.

21. *Requests* the Bureau to thank all the candidates for the interim Multidisciplinary Expert Panel for their candidature, and further requests the Bureau and secretariat to invite the candidates to be on an expert roster to ensure their expertise is available for the future work of the Platform.

22. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to provide the information on the expertise required by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel as and when it is determined for the future implementation of the work programme.

23. *Requests* the Bureau to review the administrative procedure used in the selection of the interim Multidisciplinary Expert Panel with a particular focus on ensuring effective consultation to ensure overall balance with respect to the work programme, and to draft recommendations on the procedure for the selection process for the future membership of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel.

24. *Requests* the secretariat to invite members, observers and stakeholders to provide comments on the draft recommendations, and further requests the Bureau working with the secretariat to prepare a draft administrative procedure which incorporates all comments received for consideration by the Plenary at its second session.

H. Stakeholder engagement strategy

25. *Invites* the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the International Council for Science (ICSU) to work with relevant stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities and the private sector, and with the secretariat, to prepare in consultation with the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel a draft stakeholder engagement strategy for supporting the implementation of the work programme.

26. *Requests* the secretariat to open a widely publicized process of consultation, involving members, observers and stakeholders, on the draft stakeholder engagement strategy, and to present a revised version for consideration at the second session of the Plenary.

I. Possible strategic partnerships

27. *Requests* the Bureau to prepare, in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and supported by the secretariat, guidance on the development of strategic partnerships with different categories of partners such as multilateral environmental agreements and academic, scientific, and United Nations system organizations, focused on supporting implementation of the work programme.

28. *Requests* the secretariat to open a widely publicized process of consultation involving members, observers and stakeholders on the guidance on strategic partnerships, and to present it for the consideration of the Plenary at its second session.
