

Online conference to seek input for the scoping process of the nexus assessment

30 September - 2 October 2019:

Welcome to this IPBES online conference!

Purpose and outcome

This online conference represents an innovation for IPBES. Its purpose is to seek the broadest possible input (scientists and other knowledge holders, representatives of Governments, and of institutions and organisations, etc.), at this very initial phase in the production of an IPBES assessment, to define the policy-relevant questions that the assessment will address, and to thus make the assessment as relevant as possible to a diversity of stakeholders. The purpose is not to define the structure at this early stage, nor the set of chapters, but to collect the key policy-relevant questions that stakeholders would like to see addressed by the assessment.

The outcome of this online conference will consist in a report which will be presented to the group of scoping experts at their meeting and contribute to the scoping report which these experts will draft.

Process

IPBES 7 (April-May 2019, Paris), adopted a new work programme (2019-2030), following up on the first IPBES work programme 2014-2018, which culminated with the approval of the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

This new work programme includes a **thematic assessment** to examine the strong interlinkages among the sustainable development goals related to **food** and **water** security, **health** for all, protecting **biodiversity** on land and in the oceans, and combating and adapting to **climate** change.

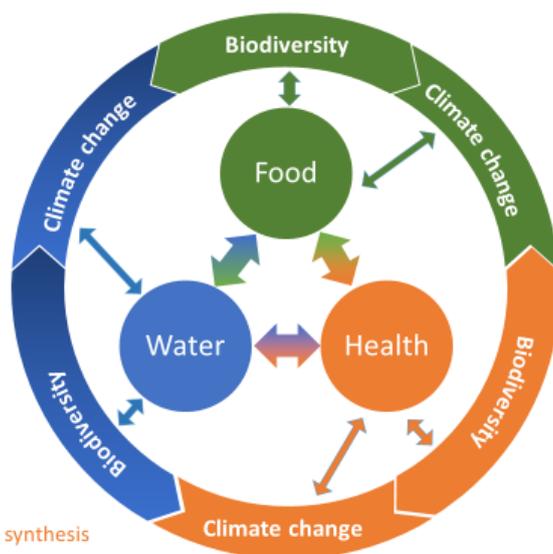
The first step in the production of this assessment, as for all IPBES assessments, consists in defining the scope of the assessment, including the overall framework, set of chapters, and their brief content, and a timeline and budget for its production. This will be done at a “scoping meeting”, which will take place on 24-27 March 2020, and for which there is currently a call for nominations of experts, with a deadline of 15 October 2019 ([please see call for nominations](#)). The “scoping report” produced at that meeting will be considered by IPBES 8 (Feb. 2021). If approved, the assessment would begin immediately after IPBES 8, with a call for experts to produce that assessment.

This pre-scoping online conference forms part of the scoping process and contributes to the scoping report.

Agenda

This online conference is taking place over 3 days, from Monday 30 September (Day 1), to Wednesday 2 October 2019 (Day 3). The work is divided into 3 parts, based on the figure shown below, with **day 1 focusing on water and linkages**, **day 2 on health and linkages** and **day 3 on food and linkages**.

Each part will begin with an introductory talk (15 mn), followed by a moderated oral exchange (2 hours), ending with a period of about 24 hours for written contributions.



Day 1: Food and linkages
 Day 2: Water and linkages
 Day 3: Health and linkages, and synthesis

All times are Central European Time

Day 1 (Monday 30 September 2019): Introduction and topic 1	
Time	Item
14.00–14.15	Overall briefing for the 3 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction on IPBES • Achievements of the first work programme (2014-2018) • The new work programme (2019-2030) • Introduction to the online conference
Topic 1: Water linkages	
14.15-14.30	1.1 Introductory talk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purpose: One expert will introduce the topic, and outline some of the key issues that the assessment could address, in order to initiate the discussion.
14.30-16.30	1.2 Oral exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants will, following the talk, be invited by the speaker, who will moderate the exchange, to react to its content, and to reflect on the following question, <u>with an emphasis on solutions rather than on impacts</u>: What are in your opinion the most important questions that should be addressed by the nexus assessment under topic 1: Synergies, co-benefits and trade-offs regarding water, biodiversity, and climate change; water and food; and water and health.
16.30 until noon on Day 2	1.3 Online contributions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants are invited to send, <u>between 16.30 and noon the next day</u>, <u>short and punchy written contributions</u>, to complement this oral exchange, further addressing the question outlined above.

Day 2 (Tuesday 1 October 2019): Topic 2**Topic 2: Health and linkages**

14.30-14.45	2.1 Introductory talk <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Purpose: One expert will introduce the topic, and outline some of the key issues that the assessment could address, in order to initiate the discussion.
14.45-16.45	2.2 Oral exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participants will, following the talk, be invited by the speaker, who will moderate the exchange, to react to its content, and to reflect on the following question, <u>with an emphasis on solutions rather than on impacts</u>: What are in your opinion the most important questions that should be addressed by the nexus assessment under topic 2: Synergies, co-benefits and trade-offs regarding health, biodiversity, and climate change; health and food; health and water (complementing days 1's discussion).
16.45-until noon on Day 3	2.3 Online contributions <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participants are invited to send, <u>between 16.45 and noon the next day, short and punchy written contributions</u>, to complement this oral exchange, further addressing the question outlined above.

Day 3 (Wednesday 2 October 2019): Topic 3**Topic 3: Food and linkages**

14.00-14.15	3.1 Introductory talk <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Purpose: One expert will introduce the topic, and outline some of the key issues that the assessment could address, in order to initiate the discussion.
14.15-16.15	3.2 Oral exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participants will, following the talk, be invited by the speaker, who will moderate the exchange, to react to its content, and to reflect on the following question, <u>with an emphasis on solutions rather than on impacts</u>: What are in your opinion the most important questions that should be addressed by the nexus assessment, under topic 3: Synergies, co-benefits and trade-offs regarding food, biodiversity, and climate change; food and water (complementing days 1's discussion); and food and health (complementing days 2's discussion).▪ Participants will also be invited to indicate any links between food, water and health that might not have been flagged in the discussion so far.
16.15-until noon next day	3.3 Online contributions <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participants are invited to send, <u>between 16.15 and noon the next day, short and punchy written contributions</u>, to complement this oral exchange, further addressing the question outlined above.