

**Dialogue workshop to promote the use of IPBES
products in policymaking in Latin America and
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Provisional agenda

Connection details

1. The dialogue workshop will be held using the platform Zoom. Connection details will be shared with registered participants by email.
2. Spanish<>English interpretation will be provided. To ensure 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: 5.10.1* and check for any Zoom software updates. Further information can be found [here](#).

Objective of the meeting

3. The dialogue workshop 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. Specifically, the dialogue workshop aims at achieving the following two objectives:
 - (i) Better understanding how IPBES products are being used to support policymaking. The dialogue workshop aims at getting to know more about experiences in using IPBES products to advance biodiversity-related policies at the regional, national and subnational levels.
 - (ii) Identify ways in which IPBES products could be improved to better respond to the needs of actors at the science-policy interface. Building on the results of the survey on the use of IPBES assessments¹, the dialogue workshop seeks to be a first step towards identifying those aspects of the IPBES products that could benefit from improvement in order to further serve their objective of informing decision-making, thereby, increasing the use of IPBES products at the regional, national and subnational levels.

¹ IPBES/8/INF/13, Appendix I

Tentative schedule

Time (CEST)	Session
15:15-15:30	Join meeting
15:30-15:40	Opening of the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana María Hernández Salgar, IPBES Chair
15:40-15:55	Overview of IPBES and its work, with focus on completed assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maria Elena Zaccagnini – Co-chair, Regional Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Americas Lucas Garibaldi – Coordinating lead author, Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
15:55-16:30	Examples of how the IPBES products have been used in policymaking in Latin America and the Caribbean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carlos Joly, University of Campinas & BPBES, Brazil; and Vera Imperatriz Fonseca, University of São Paulo, Brazil Sandra Perdomo – Head of International Affairs, Policy and Cooperation, Alexander von Humboldt Institute, Colombia Marina Hernández – Head of the Department on Genetic Resources, Directorate of Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic Alwin Dornelly – Chief Forest Officer, Forestry Department, St Lucia
16:30 – 17:30	Moderated discussion <p>a) Identify further examples of how IPBES products have been used in policymaking in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have IPBES products been used in your country or at the regional level to support policymaking? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which ones and for which purpose (e.g., to formulate policy and technical measures, elaborate technical reports, promote capacity-building and awareness raising)? Which specific parts of the assessments have you used and why? E.g., summaries for policymakers, chapters (any chapter in particular?) At which levels (regional, national or subnational) are IPBES products being used the most? Why do you think that is the case? Have IPBES products been used only by environment agencies or also by governmental agencies in other development sectors? <p>b) Discuss challenges and opportunities for increasing the use of IPBES products (including complete, ongoing and future IPBES assessments in policymaking)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the key challenges that you face in using IPBES products for policymaking? What are the key benefits that you have experienced of using IPBES products 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 products 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 products most effectively?
17:30 – 17:40	Brief overview on opportunities to engage with IPBES – IPBES TSU on policy support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claire Brown, Head of IPBES technical support unit on policy support tools and methodologies
17:40 – 17:55	Final wrap up and closing remarks

Key information resources

- [IPBES Conceptual framework](#)
- [Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services \(full report\)](#)
- [Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services \(Summary for policymakers\)](#)
- [First Intergovernmental Global Assessment of Biodiversity \(video\)](#)
- [IPBES Global Assessment – The 5 Drivers of Change in Nature with the Largest Global Impacts \(video\)](#)
- [IPBES Global Assessment – Up to 1 Million Species Are Threatened With Extinction \(video\)](#)
- [Regional Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Americas \(full report\)](#)
- [Regional Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Americas \(Summary for policymakers\)](#)
- [IPBES Regional Assessments \(video\)](#)
- [IPBES Regional Assessment on the Americas \(video\)](#)

Additional sources

- [Assessment Report on Land Degradation and Restoration \(full report\)](#)
- [Assessment Report on Land Degradation and Restoration \(Summary for policymakers\)](#)
- [IPBES Assessment of Land Degradation and Restoration \(video\)](#)
- [Assessment Report on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production \(full report\)](#)
- [Assessment Report on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production \(Summary for policymakers\)](#)
- [The Critical Importance of Pollinators \(video\)](#)
- [The IPBES Manual for National Focal Points \(full manual\)](#)