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**Dialogue meeting with new IPBES members and observer States  
of the IPBES task force on capacity-building  
under the 2030 IPBES rolling work programme**  
18-20 April 2023

## **Concept note for the dialogue meeting with new IPBES members and observer States**

### **1. Dialogue meeting with national focal points**

Objective 2 of the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030, “building capacity”, aims to build capacities of individuals and institutions for a strengthened science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services. The achievement of this objective is supported by many activities and initiatives, including dialogues with national focal points under the training and familiarization programme. Governments' involvement in the work of IPBES is essential for achieving its objectives, including taking part in and contributing to the production of IPBES assessments and other products to ensure their policy-relevance, as well as the use of approved IPBES assessments and other deliverables.

The IPBES dialogue meetings bring together national focal points and other Government representatives and facilitate knowledge-sharing, peer-learning and networking among national focal points.

The first dialogue meetings were organized in 2017 as regional meetings in support of the Regional Assessments of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services that were undertaken at that time. Since then, several dialogue meetings have been organized, both globally and regionally, in-person as well as online.

The upcoming dialogue meeting in Rome, on 18-20 April 2023 is the first dialogue meeting organized solely for new IPBES members and observers (States not members of IPBES) and builds on previously expressed interests and experiences gained from earlier dialogue meetings.

### **2. Objective**

The objective of the upcoming dialogue is to develop capacities of new IPBES members and observers in relation to IPBES deliverables and processes and encourage IPBES membership.

To support the achievement of this objective, the meeting provides a space for sharing experiences and knowledge, as well as exploring potential collaboration and mutual support with the aim to develop increased capacities to take part in and contribute to the production of IPBES products, including IPBES assessments, as well as the use and uptake of approved IPBES assessments and other deliverables.

### **3. Date and venue**

The dialogue meeting will take place from 18 to 20 April 2023, and is kindly hosted by the Government of Italy at the Comando unità forestali, ambientali e agroalimentari of the Carabinieri (CUFAA) in Rome, Italy.

Address: Via Giosuè Carducci 5, 00187 Roma

### **4. Participants**

Representatives from 15 countries will attend the meeting, including from new members that joined IPBES after 2018 as well as from States that may be interested in becoming IPBES members.

### **5. Provisional annotated agenda**

#### **Agenda items:**

- Item 1: Welcome and introduction to the meeting
- Item 2: Round of introductions
- Item 3: Overview of IPBES

- Item 4: Roles of IPBES national focal points  
 Item 5: Sessions of the IPBES Plenary  
 Item 6: Any other business  
 Item 7: Closing of the meeting.

### DAY 1 – Tuesday 18 April. Venue: Via Carducci

Time (CET)	Agenda Item
09:00 – 10:00	Registration for the meeting
10:00 – 10:30	<b>1. Welcoming remarks and introduction to the IPBES dialogue meeting</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<b>2. Round of introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Getting to know the participants</li> <li>- Expectations for the dialogue</li> </ul>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	<b>3. Overview of IPBES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Objective, status, functions, operating principles</li> <li>- Institutional arrangements</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<b>3. Overview of IPBES (cont.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work programme</li> <li>- IPBES products and activities</li> <li>- Financial and budgetary arrangements</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:50	<b>4. Roles of IPBES national focal points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction</li> <li>- Sharing experiences among participating countries</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
16:50 – 17:00	<b>Closing of day 1</b>
19:00 –	<b>Joint dinner for all participants</b>

### DAY 2 – Wednesday 19 April. Venue: Circeo national park

Time (CET)	Agenda Item
07:30	<b>Meet at Via Carducci</b> <b>Bus to Sabaudia, Circeo national park</b>
09:30 – 10:00	Arrival at Cireco national park. Coffee break.
10:00 – 10_15	<b>Welcome to day 2</b> <b>Short recap of day 1</b>
10:15 – 12:00	<b>4. Roles of IPBES national focal points (cont.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submitting requests</li> <li>- Nominating experts</li> <li>- Reviewing drafts of IPBES products</li> <li>- Sharing experiences among participating countries</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:30	Coffee break

<b>Time (CET)</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>4. Roles of IPBES national focal points (cont.)</b>
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch
15:30 – 18:00	<b>Guided walk in the national park</b>
18:00 – 19:00	<b>Free time</b>
19:00 –	<b>Joint dinner for all participants. Barbeque in the national park</b>
After dinner	<b>Bus returning to Rome</b>

### **DAY 3 Thursday 20 April. Venue: Via Carducci**

<b>Time (CET)</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Welcome to day 3</b> <b>Short recap of day 2</b>
09:15 – 11:00	<b>4. Roles of IPBES national focal points (cont.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supporting the uptake of completed IPBES assessments</li> <li>- Engaging with the functions of IPBES other than assessments</li> <li>- Coordinating national engagement and participation through national and/or regional platforms</li> <li>- Supporting the undertaking of national or subregional assessments by Governments</li> <li>- Sharing experiences and examples among participating countries</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:15	<b>4. Roles of IPBES national focal points (cont.)</b>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<b>5. Sessions of the IPBES Plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration and credentials</li> <li>- During the meeting (in-session)</li> <li>- Regional coordination</li> <li>- IPBES 10</li> <li>- Sharing experiences among participating countries</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>6. Any other business</b>
16:30 – 16:45	<b>7. Closing of the meeting</b>
19:00 –	<b>Joint dinner for remaining participants</b>