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**Financial and budgetary arrangements for the
Platform****Financial and budgetary arrangements for the
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and
Ecosystem Services****Note by the secretariat****Introduction**

1. In paragraph 1 of decision IPBES-9/3, on financial and budgetary arrangements, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) invited pledges and contributions to the IPBES trust fund, as well as in-kind contributions from Governments, United Nations bodies, the Global Environment Facility, other intergovernmental organizations, stakeholders and others in a position to do so, including regional economic integration organizations, the private sector and foundations, to support the work of IPBES. Section I of the present note provides the status of cash and in-kind contributions, together with examples of activities catalysed by IPBES in support of its mandate.
2. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to report to the Plenary at its tenth session on expenditures for 2022. Accordingly, those expenditures are presented in section II of the present note against the 2022 revised budget of \$8,873,599 adopted by the Plenary in paragraph 3 of decision IPBES-9/3.¹
3. In paragraphs 4 and 5 of the same decision, the Plenary adopted a budget for 2023 amounting to \$10,322,910, and a provisional budget for 2024 amounting to \$10,148,828. Section III presents a revised budget for 2023, along with a budget for 2024 and a provisional budget for 2025. Additional details on the amounts in the proposed budgets for 2023, 2024 and 2025 in relation to the work programme are provided in document IPBES/10/INF/18.
4. Section IV of the present note sets out an overview of the cost of the Platform and an estimate of the funds to be raised to implement the work programme through 2025. Estimated funds available as at 1 January 2023 amounted to \$9.1 million. Taking into account contributions received and pledges made as at 10 May 2023 and assuming a yearly income of \$5.5 million based on expected contributions and pledges, it is concluded that enough funds would be available to cover expenses in 2023 and 2024 but an additional \$3.6 million would need to be raised to cover the costs in the 2025

* IPBES/10/1.

¹ All references in the present note to “\$” or “dollars” are to United States dollars.

provisional budget. If average yearly savings of \$1.3 million are taken into account, however, there would be a positive balance of \$0.3 million at the end of 2025.

5. In paragraph 2 of decision IPBES-9/3, the Plenary also requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to increase efforts to encourage members of IPBES to pledge and contribute to the trust fund of IPBES, as well as through in-kind contributions, with a view to broadening the donor base, and to report to the Plenary at its tenth session on activities related to fundraising. Accordingly, section V of the present note, on the fundraising strategy, presents a report on efforts undertaken to encourage members of IPBES to pledge and contribute to the trust fund of IPBES, as well as through in-kind contributions, and a progress report on the fundraising strategy.

I. Status of cash and in-kind contributions to the Platform

A. Contributions to the trust fund

6. Table 1 shows the status, as at 10 May 2023, of the cash contributions to the trust fund received since 2018, and pledged for 2023 to 2025, from Governments (part 1) and other donors (part 2), and income earned on the trust fund for that same period (part 3).

7. IPBES received \$5.5 million into its trust fund in 2022, including \$4.2 million from Governments.

8. The contributions from other donors shown in part 2 of table 1 were in line with the invitation of the Plenary in paragraph 1 of decision IPBES-9/3 and were accepted by the Bureau following completion of the due diligence process required by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Partnership Policy. Contributions and pledges from other donors, including the private sector, amount to \$1.3 million for 2022. This includes an amount of \$553,305 from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. This corresponds to the \$533,305 awarded to IPBES as a recipient of the 2022 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity, jointly with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and an additional amount of \$20,000 resulting from a decision by Angela Merkel, former chancellor of Germany, to donate her honorarium as president of the jury to an organization and to choose IPBES as the recipient.

9. Part 1 of table 2 shows earmarked contributions received in cash, and pledges made, for activities that are part of the approved work programme and of the approved budget, for the period 2018–2024. These contributions and pledges amount to \$2.7 million for that entire period. They are included in the amounts shown in table 1, as indicated in a footnote to table 1, and were made in compliance with the financial procedures for IPBES set out in decisions IPBES-2/7 and IPBES-3/2.

10. Part 2 of table 2 shows additional earmarked contributions received in cash, and pledges made, in support of activities relevant to the work programme but not included in the approved budget. Such contributions and pledges amounted to \$3.0 million for the period 2018–2024.

11. In 2022, IPBES spent in full an amount of \$982,367 contributed by Germany to cover part of the cost of the venue for the ninth session of the Plenary, held at the World Conference Center in Bonn, Germany.

12. The working capital reserve in the IPBES trust fund currently stands at \$1,032,291, as per rule 20 of the financial rules, which calls for a working capital reserve of 10 per cent of the average annual budget of the biennium to be maintained in the trust fund.

B. In-kind contributions

13. Table 3 shows in-kind contributions received in 2022, together with their corresponding values in United States dollars, as provided or, when possible, estimated based on the equivalent costs in the work programme, if available. These in-kind contributions, amounting to \$1.8 million, consist of support, provided directly by the respective donor and hence not received into the trust fund, for approved and costed activities of the work programme (part 1) and activities organized in support of the approved work programme, such as technical support, meeting facilities and local support (part 2).

14. In addition to the amounts shown in table 3, an in-kind contribution estimated at between \$4.0 and \$8.0 million was made to the work of IPBES in 2022 by experts around the world (including experts participating in assessments and task forces and members of the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel) working between 10 and 20 per cent of their time on a pro bono

basis.² The total contribution represented by such pro bono service since 2014 is estimated at between \$36.2 million and \$72.4 million, an amount comparable to the total cash contributions to the trust fund received over the same period (\$52.1 million).³

15. In 2022 and 2023, IPBES continued to catalyse activities in support of its aims and objectives, in particular regarding the generation of new knowledge and capacity-building. Table 4 presents examples of research calls or capacity-building activities known to the secretariat, amounting to \$113.3 million for 2022–2023. A more complete list, with an additional list of smaller projects, can be found on the IPBES website.⁴

16. Lastly, many events were organized in 2022 and 2023 by Governments and stakeholders to inform a wide range of constituencies about various aspects of the work of IPBES at the national, regional and international levels. Those events contributed greatly to increased awareness of, and engagement in, the work of IPBES. IPBES is working to list such activities on its website and to recognize and promote them across its social media channels.

² These estimates were calculated using an annual academic salary of \$52,000 based on the mean salary at purchasing power parity provided for 28 countries that are representative of the geographical diversity of IPBES member countries. The mean salaries at purchasing power parity for the 28 countries can be found in the following publication: Philip G. Altbach and others, eds., *Paying the Professoriate: A Global Comparison of Compensation and Contract* (Routledge, 2012).

³ These estimates are based on participation in the work of IPBES by 775 experts in 2022, 610 experts in 2021, 498 experts in 2020, 533 experts in 2019, 900 experts in 2018, 940 experts in 2017, 1,172 experts in 2016, 984 experts in 2015 and 559 experts in 2014.

⁴ <https://www.ipbes.net/implementation-capacity-building-rolling-plan-contributions-strategic-partners-collaborative>.

Table 1
Status of cash contributions received and pledges made for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2024 (as at 10 May 2023)
 (United States dollars)

	<i>Contributions received</i>						<i>Pledges</i>			
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Total pledges</i>
1. Governments										
Australia	–	–	–	30 000	69 140	–	–	–	–	–
Austria	17 123	–	22 222	16 892	–	–	–	–	–	–
Belgium	77 193	73 661	73 853	74 324	70 288	–	72 607	–	–	72 607
Bulgaria	2 323	2 273	2 198	2 427	2 068	–	–	–	–	–
Canada ^a	25 583	30 312	31 260	31 216	31 119	–	29 347	29 347	–	58 694
Chile	13 000	12 751	11 000	12 053	10 850	–	–	–	–	–
China	200 000	200 000	180 000	180 000	180 000	–	–	–	–	–
Denmark	–	29 908	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonia	–	5 044	2 389	2 326	–	–	–	–	–	–
European Union	–	2 155 333	–	1 223 321	411 451	–	2 585 259	–	1 925 193	4 510 451
Finland ^a	11 696	22 727	23 697	23 866	30 060	–	–	–	–	–
France ^a	844 838	416 343	503 897	290 687	321 489	–	192 519	–	–	192 519
Germany ^a	1 457 267	1 242 916	1 109 361	1 266 363	1 293 674	–	1 100 110	1 100 110	1 100 110	3 300 330
Japan	190 454	166 428	193 181	193 181	189 814	189 814	–	–	–	–
Latvia	4 227	11 377	11 947	12 165	9 737	–	–	–	–	–
Luxembourg	17 045	11 123	–	9 558	–	–	16 502	–	–	16 502
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	–	715 072	–	225 225	479 744	–	–	–	–	–
New Zealand	17 047	16 557	–	34 920	16 995	15 745	–	–	–	–
Norway	665 417	324 585	290 757	372 715	334 317	–	–	–	–	–
Republic of Korea ^a	–	123 378	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Slovakia	–	–	23 895	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Spain	–	–	–	93 826	42 239	–	44 004	–	–	44 004
Sweden ^a	253 128	161 339	159 502	173 261	159 285	–	–	–	–	–
Switzerland	84 000	72 651	84 344	71 809	100 675	–	–	–	–	–
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	650 214	502 060	269 830	244 494	407 550	366 748	–	366 748	–	366 748
United States of America	495 000	497 759	497 000	750 000	–	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal 1	5 025 556	6 793 596	3 490 333	5 334 628	4 160 495	572 307	4 040 348	1 496 205	3 025 303	8 561 856

	<i>Contributions received</i>						<i>Pledges</i>			
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Total pledges</i>
2. Other donors										
AXA SA	–	–	–	–	184 009	–	92 409	–	–	92 409
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation ^a	–	–	–	–	286 740	–	–	–	–	–
BNP Paribas Foundation	–	–	–	–	66 725	–	22 022	22 002	–	44 004
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation	–	–	–	–	553 305	–	–	–	–	–
H&M Hennes & Mauritz GBC AB	–	–	44 014	45 732	39 599	–	41 254	–	–	41 254
Kering SA	–	131 291	143 369	143 369	134 831	–	–	–	–	–
Laboratoires de Biologie Végétale Yves Rocher	11 481	11 161	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award	–	–	–	45 045	–	–	–	–	–	–
WinWin Gothenburg Sustainability Award	–	–	113 663	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal 2	11 481	142 452	301 047	234 146	1 265 209	–	155 666	22 002	–	177 668
Subtotal (1 + 2)	5 037 037	6 936 048	3 791 379	5 568 774	5 425 703	572 307	4 196 014	1 518 207	3 025 303	8 739 523
3. Investment and miscellaneous income^b	158 546	217 091	179 314	(8 856)	41 965	198 234	–	–	–	–
Total (1 + 2 + 3)	5 195 583	7 153 139	3 970 693	5 559 918	5 467 668	770 541	4 196 014	1 518 207	3 025 303	8 739 523

^a The contribution from the donor includes an earmarked component. Please refer to table 2, part 1 for details.

^b Investment income earned on cash pool resources of UNEP.

Table 2
Earmarked contributions received in cash and pledges made for the period 2018–2024
 (United States dollars)

Government/institution	Activity	Type of support	Contributions received					Pledges made		
			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total pledges
1. Earmarked contributions received in cash in support of the approved work programme										
1.1 Earmarked contributions received in cash in support of the approved work programme from Governments										
Canada	Support for the work programme	Support for deliverables	25 583	30 312	31 260	31 216	31 119	29 347	29 347	58 694
Finland	Support for the work programme and for participants in meetings of IPBES bodies	Support for deliverables				23 866	30 060			
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Support for deliverables	102 740	71 903						
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for the thematic assessment of invasive alien species	Support for deliverables		79 545	116 959			60 506		60 506
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for the thematic assessment of the diverse values and valuation of nature	Support for deliverables	84 541	55 741	58 480		56 584			
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for the thematic assessment of sustainable use of wild species	Support for deliverables	84 541	55 741	58 480		56 584			
Germany	Support to cover the cost of a P3-level consultant for the technical support unit of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Staff costs	102 108	73 594						
Germany ^a	Support to cover the information system assistant position	Staff costs		51 500		103 000				
Germany	Support for participants in the sixth session of the Plenary	Support for participants	149 068							
Germany	Support for participants in the ninth session of the Plenary	Support for participants					208 768			
Germany	Third author meeting for the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Venue and logistics	6 269							
Republic of Korea	Meeting of the task force on knowledge and data	Support for participants	123 378							

Government/institution	Activity	Type of support	Contributions received					Pledges made		
			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total pledges
Sweden	Support for the participation of Multidisciplinary Expert Panel members from developing countries	Support for participants	84 603							
Subtotal 1.1			762 831	418 336	265 179	158 082	383 116	89 853	29 347	119 200
1.2 Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of the approved work programme from other donors										
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Support for the work programme – nexus assessment	Staff costs					286 740			
AXA SA	Support for the work programme – nexus assessment and transformative change assessment	Support for deliverables					184 009	92 409		92 409
Subtotal 1.2							470 749	92 409		92 409
Total 1			762 831	418 336	265 179	158 082	853 865	182 262	29 347	211 609
2. Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of activities relevant to the work programme but not included in the approved budget										
Colombia	Support for IPBES-5 in Medellin, Colombia, for conference services and staff travel	Support for meetings	325 065							
France	Support to IPBES-7 in Paris, France for conference services and staff travel	Support for meetings		265 114						
Germany	Support for the information system assistant position	Staff costs	30 000							
Germany	Support for the IPBES biodiversity and pandemics workshop	Support for meetings				38 664				
Germany	Support for IPBES-9 in Bonn, Germany, for venue cost and meeting participants	Support for meetings					982 367			
Norway ^b	Support for the IPCC-IPBES co-sponsored workshop on climate and biodiversity	Support for meetings				39 325				
United States of America	Support to IPBES-10 in Bonn, Germany, for venue and other meeting costs	Support for meetings					1 295 000			
Total 2			355 065	265 114	77 989		2 277 367			
Total 1 + 2			1 117 896	683 450	343 168	158 082	3 131 232	182 262	29 347	211 609

^a Owing to an extended vacancy of the position, an amount of \$40,773 from this support was returned to Germany in 2022.

^b The remaining balance of \$24,401, resulting from the fact that the workshop was held online, was added to the IPBES trust fund as part of the contribution of Norway in 2022.

Table 3
In-kind contributions received in 2022
 (United States dollars)

<i>Government/institution</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Type of support</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
1. Support provided directly for approved and costed activities of the work programme			
Aarhus University, Denmark	Third author meeting and meeting to develop the summary for policymakers of the assessment of invasive alien species	Venue and logistical costs	28 700
Biodiversa+ and Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité, France	Technical support unit for the task force on knowledge and data	Staff, office and general operating costs	18 200
EcoHealth Alliance	First author meeting for the nexus assessment	Logistical costs	1 400
Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité, France	Technical support unit for the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species	Staff, office and general operating costs	2 000
Future Ecosystems for Africa programme at the Global Change Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, in partnership with Oppenheimer Generations Research and Conservation, South Africa	Workshop on the nature futures framework and its methodological guidance	Venue and logistical costs	6 200
Government of Germany	Youth workshop	Venue and logistical costs	18 300
Government of Norway	Technical support unit for the task force on capacity-building	Staff, office and general operating costs	300 000
Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Technical support unit for the task force on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Staff costs	280 500
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France	Technical support to implement the fundraising strategy of IPBES	Staff costs	186 500
Ministry of the Environment, Japan	Technical support unit for the assessment of invasive alien species	Staff, office and general operating costs	212 300
National Autonomous University of Mexico	Technical support unit for the assessment on values	Staff, office and general operating costs	13 800
Norwegian Environment Agency	Youth workshop	Support for participants and logistical costs	56 700
PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency	Technical support unit for the task force on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Office and general operating costs	15 700
	Dialogue meetings and workshops on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Logistical costs	35 900
Senckenberg Nature Research Society, Germany	Technical support unit for the task force on knowledge and data	Staff, office and general operating costs	112 500
	First author meeting for the nexus assessment	Venue costs	12 000
Swiss Academy of Sciences	Meeting to develop the summary for policymakers of the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species	Venue and logistical costs	3 000
UNEP	Secondment of a P-4 programme officer to the IPBES secretariat	Staff costs	143 000
UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Technical support unit for the task force on policy tools and methodologies	Staff, office and general operating costs	30 400

<i>Government/institution</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Type of support</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	Technical support unit for the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge	Staff, office and general operating costs	150 000
	First Indigenous and local knowledge dialogue for the nexus assessment	Support for participants	1 000
Université de Montpellier, France	Technical support unit for the transformative change assessment	Staff, office and general operating costs	11 300
	First author meeting for the transformative change assessment	Venue and logistical costs	10 200
University of Concepción and Institute of Ecology and Biodiversity, Chile	Meeting to develop the summary for policymakers of the assessment of invasive alien species	Venue and logistical costs	11 200
Subtotal 1			1 660 800
2. Support for additional activities organized in support of the work programme			
City of Bonn	Ninth session of the Plenary	Branding and logistical costs	23 000
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany	Ninth session of the Plenary	Branding, support staff and logistical costs	47 000
International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources	Support for stakeholder engagement	Technical support	71 000
Norwegian Environment Agency	Establishment of the Social Sciences and Humanities Network for engaging with IPBES	Staff and logistical costs	19 000
Subtotal 2			160 000
Total (1 + 2)			1 820 800

Table 4
Examples of activities catalysed by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in 2022 and 2023
(Millions of United States dollars)

<i>Funding Government/funding institution</i>	<i>Project lead</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
Generation of new knowledge			
European Union (Horizon Europe)	European Union	Call for one proposal to reinforce science policy support with IPBES and IPCC for better interconnected biodiversity and climate policies (based on the IPBES-IPCC Co-Sponsored Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Climate Change)	4.3
		Call for proposals to assess interlinkages between biodiversity loss and degradation of ecosystems and the emergence of zoonotic diseases (based on the IPBES Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Pandemics, and of relevance to the IPBES nexus assessment)	12.8
		Call for proposals to close research gaps on Essential Ocean Variables in support of global assessments	18.0
Biodiversa+ with the European Commission	Biodiversa+	2022 joint call for research proposals on “Improved transnational monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem change for science and society”, addressing gaps identified in the IPBES Regional Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Europe and Central Asia, the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the IPBES Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Pandemics and the IPBES-IPCC Co-Sponsored Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Climate Change	40.0
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research	Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research	2019–2022 Small Grants Programme: The role of ecosystem services in adaptation to global change for human wellbeing (addressing gaps in the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the IPBES Regional Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Americas)	1.2
Belmont Forum	Belmont Forum	2022 Collaborative Research Action on Climate, Environment, and Health II (addressing gaps in the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the IPBES Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Pandemics, and of relevance to the IPBES nexus assessment)	13.8
Belmont Forum	Belmont Forum	2022 Collaborative Research Action on Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production (addressing gaps in the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the IPBES Thematic Assessment of Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature)	9.7
Belmont Forum	Belmont Forum	2022 Collaborative Research Action on Integrated Approaches to Human Migration/Mobility in an Era of Rapid Global Change (addressing gaps in the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services)	8.8
Capacity-building			
UNDP (and UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and	UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Capacity-building and support for Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia and Grenada to undertake national ecosystem assessments and establish IPBES national science-policy platforms	0.9
	UNDP/BES-Net	Capacity-building and support for national biodiversity and ecosystem service assessments through BES-Net national dialogues in Colombia, Cameroon, Ethiopia and Viet Nam	0.3

<i>Funding Government/funding institution</i>	<i>Project lead</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
Consumer Protection, Germany/ International Climate Initiative)	UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre/BES-Net Phase II	Capacity-building and support for national biodiversity and ecosystem service assessments in up to 40 countries	2.2
	Centre for Development Research (ZEF)	Capacity-building support for Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo; enhancing engagement in IPBES activities and uptake of IPBES products; strengthening of South-South networking through workshops; establishment of a subregional science-policy platform; and education of young professionals through a dedicated master of science programme entitled "Managing science-policy interfaces on biodiversity and ecosystem services for sustainable development in West Africa", or "SPIBES"	0.3
	Centre for Development Research (ZEF)	CABES – Capacity Development for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Experts in West, Central and East Africa	0.9
	Institute for Biodiversity – Network (ibn), in coordination with the IPBES technical support unit on capacity- building and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)	Strengthening IPBES by building capacity in the EECCA (Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia) region	0.1
Total			113.3

Abbreviations: BES-Net – Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network; UNDP – United Nations Development Programme.

II. Final expenditures for 2022

17. Table 5 shows the final expenditures for 2022 against the revised budget for 2022 of \$8,873,599 approved by the Plenary at its ninth session (decision IPBES-9/3). Final expenditures in 2022 amounted to \$6.6 million, which represents savings of \$2.3 million compared to the approved budget. This was achieved largely through savings on:

(a) Implementation of the work programme (\$1.3 million), resulting from, among other things, the first author meetings for the nexus and transformative change assessments and the third author meeting for the invasive alien species assessment being held in a hybrid format; the technical support units for the nexus and transformative change assessments being established in mid-2022; the meetings of the task forces on knowledge and data, on Indigenous and local knowledge and on policy tools and methodologies being held online; and dialogue workshops on knowledge generation catalysis and on promoting the use of IPBES deliverables being held online;

(b) Secretariat personnel and operating costs (\$0.6 million).

Table 5
Final expenditures for 2022
(United States dollars)

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2022 revised budget</i>	<i>2022 expenses</i>	<i>2022 balance</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies			
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary			
Travel costs for participants in the ninth session of the Plenary (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	500 000	395 943	104 057
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000	763 608	66 392
Reporting services	65 000	62 786	2 214
Security and other costs	240 000	295 178	(55 178)
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 635 000	1 517 515	117 485
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions			
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Bureau session	35 450	23 232	12 218
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Panel session	85 000	61 656	23 344
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	120 450	84 888	35 562
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	25 000	13 124	11 876
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	1 780 450	1 615 528	164 922
2. Implementation of the work programme			
Part A: first work programme (wp1)			
wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues	1 084 250	847 561	236 689
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii): invasive alien species assessment	296 500	199 336	97 164
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (iii): sustainable use of wild species assessment	406 500	319 828	86 672
wp1-Deliverable 3 (d): values assessment	381 250	328 397	52 853
Subtotal, part A	1 084 250	847 561	236 689
Part B: rolling work programme up to 2030			
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 084 420	590 635	493 785
Deliverable 1 (a): a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	663 170	365 597	297 573
Deliverable 1 (c): a thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment)	421 250	225 039	196 211

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2022 revised budget</i>	<i>2022 expenses</i>	<i>2022 balance</i>
Objective 2: building capacity	390 200	206 563	183 637
Objective 2 (a): enhanced learning and engagement; objective 2 (b): facilitated access to expertise and information; and objective 2 (c): strengthened national and regional capacities	390 200	206 563	183 637
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	555 000	347 922	207 078
Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data	268 000	128 084	139 916
Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems	287 000	219 839	67 161
Objective 4: supporting policy	471 000	335 177	135 823
Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	239 000	148 439	90 561
Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	232 000	186 738	45 262
Objective 4 (c): advanced work on multiple values			
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	280 000	229 447	50 553
Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication	250 000	229 447	20 553
Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders	30 000	0	30 000
Subtotal, part B	2 780 620	1 709 745	1 070 875
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	3 864 870	2 557 306	1 307 564
3. Secretariat			
3.1 Secretariat personnel	2 249 975	1 698 953	551 022
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	321 000	249 646	71 354
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	2 570 975	1 948 599	622 376
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	8 216 295	6 121 433	2 094 862
Programme support costs	657 304	474 182	167 589
Total	8 873 599	6 595 616	2 262 450

III. Proposed budgets for 2023 to 2025

A. Revised budget for 2023

18. In decision IPBES-9/3, the Plenary adopted a budget of \$10,322,910 for 2023, as set out in table 7 of the annex to that decision. The budget provided for implementation of the work programme in two parts: part A, corresponding to the assessment of invasive alien species and their control initiated during the first work programme, and part B, corresponding to activities approved by the Plenary at its ninth session as part of the rolling work programme up to 2030. Table 6 shows a proposed revised budget for 2023 alongside the 2023 budget approved by the Plenary at its ninth session. The proposed revised budget amounts to \$9.3 million, \$1 million less than the budget approved by the Plenary. Information on the specific changes is set out in the paragraphs below.

Table 6
Revised budget for 2023
 (United States dollars)

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2023 approved budget</i>	<i>2023 revised budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies			
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary			
Travel costs for participants in the tenth session of the Plenary (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	500 000	500 000	
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000	830 000	
Reporting services	65 000	65 000	
Security and other costs	100 000	200 000	100 000
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 495 000	1 595 000	100 000
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions			
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Bureau session	35 450	35 450	
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Panel session	85 000	85 000	
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	120 450	120 450	
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	25 000	25 000	
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	1 640 450	1 740 450	100 000
2. Implementation of the work programme			
Part A: first work programme (wp1)			
wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues	302 500	316 250	13 750
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii): invasive alien species assessment	302 500	316 250	13 750
Subtotal, part A	302 500	316 250	13 750
Part B: rolling work programme up to 2030			
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 724 800	1 301 900	(422 900)
Deliverable 1 (a): a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	837 300	606 900	(230 400)
Deliverable 1 (c): a thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment)	516 250	401 250	(115 000)
Deliverable 1 (d): a methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment)	371 250	293 750	(77 500)
Objective 2: building capacity	767 500	696 025	(71 475)
Objective 2 (a): enhanced learning and engagement; objective 2 (b): facilitated access to expertise and information; and objective 2 (c): strengthened national and regional capacities	767 500	696 025	(71 475)
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	712 000	597 000	(115 000)
Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data	293 000	209 000	(84 000)
Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems	419 000	388 000	(31 000)
Objective 4: supporting policy	750 000	335 000	(415 000)
Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	244 000	165 000	(79 000)
Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	271 000	170 000	(101 000)
Objective 4 (c): advanced work on multiple values	235 000	0	(235 000)
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	280 000	350 000	70 000
Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication	250 000	290 000	40 000
Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders	30 000	60 000	30 000
Subtotal, part B	4 234 300	3 279 925	(954 375)

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2023 approved budget</i>	<i>2023 revised budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	4 536 800	3 596 175	(940 625)
3. Secretariat			
3.1 Secretariat personnel	3 035 000	2 918 950	(116 050)
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	346 000	352 500	6 500
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	3 381 000	3 271 450	(109 550)
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	9 558 250	8 608 075	(950 175)
Programme support costs	764 660	688 646	(76 014)
Total	10 322 910	9 296 721	(1 026 189)

1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies

19. An amount of \$100,000 was added to fully cover the security costs associated with holding the tenth session of the Plenary in Bonn, Germany.

2. Implementation of the work programme

(a) Part A: first work programme

20. The following adjustment is proposed in part A:

(a) Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) of the first work programme of IPBES: invasive alien species assessment. The cost has been increased by \$13,750 to reflect the actual number of experts to take part in the tenth session of the Plenary and the actual cost of the technical support unit (IPBES/10/INF/18, table A-1).

(b) Part B: rolling work programme up to 2030

21. It is proposed that the budget for part B be decreased by \$0.9 million to take into account the following adjustments:

(a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:

(i) Deliverable 1 (a): nexus assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$230,400 to reflect, in particular, the exact number of supported authors and the actual cost of the second author meeting and of the first meeting to develop the summary for policymakers (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-1).

(ii) Deliverable 1 (c): transformative change assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$115,000 to take into account, in particular, the exact number of supported experts, and to reflect the cost of the venue for the second author meeting and for the first and second meetings to develop the summary for policymakers, which would be partially funded by in-kind contributions (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-2).

(iii) Deliverable 1 (d): business and biodiversity assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$77,500 to take into account the exact number of supported experts and to reflect the fact that the technical support unit was established in March 2023 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-3).

(b) Objective 2 on building capacity:

(i) Objectives 2 (a): enhanced learning and engagement; 2 (b): facilitated access; and 2 (c): strengthened national and regional capacities. The cost has been reduced by \$71,475 to reflect several adjustments, including to take into account the fact that the task force would not meet in person in 2023 and to reflect the actual number of fellows supported as part of the fellowship programme (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-7).

(c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:

(i) Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data. The cost has been reduced by \$84,000 to reflect the fact that the task force will not meet in person in 2023 and that the dialogue workshops on the knowledge generation catalysis will be held online (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-9).

- (ii) Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems. The cost has been reduced by \$31,000 to reflect the actual costs for some of the dialogues and the fact that the task force will not meet in person in 2023 and that one of the dialogues will be held in 2024 instead of 2023 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-10).
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies. The cost has been reduced by \$79,000 to reflect the planned task force activities and the fact that the task force will not meet in person in 2023 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-11).
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The cost has been reduced by \$101,000 to account for the planned activities of the task force and in-kind support received for the task force activities, and the fact that the task force will not meet in person in 2023 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-12).
 - (iii) Objective 4 (c): advanced work on multiple values. The cost of \$235,000 has been removed to reflect the considerations by the Bureau, in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, regarding the new task force structure set out in document IPBES/10/8.
- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication. An amount of \$40,000 has been added to cover the printing costs of the assessment reports on values and on the sustainable use of wild species (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-13).
 - (ii) Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders. An amount of \$30,000 has been added toward the implementation of the operational elements of the approved stakeholder engagement strategy. The yearly amount of \$30,000 dedicated to that activity was not spent in 2022 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-13).

3. Secretariat

22. The Bureau is proposing to reclassify two general services positions, as follows, with no cost implications:

(a) Reclassification of the position of travel assistant and the position of administrative assistant from the GS-5 to the GS-6 level. The tasks associated with both positions have grown considerably in requirements and complexity in recent years with the significant growth in the work programme. The travel assistant position entails dealing with ever more complex travel rules and controls in travel planning. Moreover, the role now also includes responsibility for procurement above \$10,000. The administrative assistant position entails responsibility for a portfolio of low-value purchases that has grown significantly in the wake of the coronavirus disease pandemic. Moreover, the individual occupying the position is tasked with working closely with the UNEP headquarters, as well as many other United Nations agencies, on site and abroad, to find viable solutions for individual procurement requirements. The demands associated with both positions are commensurate with the higher grade. Both functions are budgeted at the standard cost of \$141,900 for both the GS-5 and GS-6 levels.

(b) An organization chart for the IPBES secretariat appears on page 23 of the present note.

23. The total cost of secretariat personnel in 2023 has been decreased by \$116,050 to reflect current staffing and expected recruitment.

B. Budget for 2024

24. By decision IPBES-9/3, the Plenary adopted a provisional budget of \$10,148,828 for 2024, as set out in table 8 of the annex to that decision. Table 7 shows the revised budget proposed for 2024, alongside the 2024 provisional budget approved by the Plenary at its ninth session. At \$10.1 million, the proposed revised budget is marginally (\$41,000) lower than the provisional budget approved by the Plenary. Information on the specific changes is set out in the paragraphs below.

Table 7
Budget for 2024
 (United States dollars)

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2024 approved budget</i>	<i>2024 revised budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies			
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary			
Travel costs for participants in the eleventh session of the Plenary (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	500 000	500 000	
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000	830 000	
Reporting services	65 000	65 000	
Security and other costs	100 000	100 000	
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 495 000	1 495 000	
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions			
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Bureau session	35 450	35 450	
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Panel session	85 000	85 000	
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	120 450	120 450	
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	25 000	25 000	
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	1 640 450	1 640 450	
2. Implementation of the work programme			
Part A: first work programme (wp1)			
wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues		20 000	20 000
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii): invasive alien species assessment		20 000	20 000
Subtotal, part A		20 000	20 000
Part B: rolling work programme up to 2030			
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	2 145 050	2 326 150	181 100
Deliverable 1 (a): a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	986 050	892 150	(93 900)
Deliverable 1 (c): a thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment)	662 750	537 750	(125 000)
Deliverable 1 (d): a methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment)	496 250	398 750	(97 500)
Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services		145 000	145 000
Deliverable 1 (f): first fast-track assessment (fast-track assessment (1))		352 500	352 500
Objective 2: building capacity; and objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	747 000	617 250	(129 750)
Objective 2 (a): enhanced learning and engagement; objective 2 (b): facilitated access to expertise and information; and objective 2 (c): strengthened national and regional capacities; and	503 000	617 250	(129 750)
Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	244 000		
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	558 000	593 000	35 000
Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data	303 000	286 000	(17 000)
Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems	255 000	307 000	52 000
Objective 4: supporting policy	506 000	267 000	(239 000)
Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	271 000	267 000	(4 000)

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2024 approved budget</i>	<i>2024 revised budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
Objective 4 (c): advanced work on multiple values	235 000		(235 000)
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	280 000	280 000	
Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication	250 000	250 000	
Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders	30 000	30 000	
Objective 6: improving the effectiveness of the Platform		7 700	7 700
Objective 6 (a): periodic review of the effectiveness of IPBES		7 700	7 700
Subtotal, part B	4 236 050	4 091 100	(144 950)
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	4 236 050	4 091 100	(144 950)
3. Secretariat			
3.1 Secretariat personnel	3 174 563	3 255 300	80 737
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	346 000	352 500	6 500
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	3 520 563	3 607 800	87 237
Subtotal (1+2+3)	9 397 063	9 359 350	(37 713)
Programme support costs	751 765	748 748	3 017)
Total	10 148 828	10 108 098	(40 730)

1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies

25. No changes have been made in the cost of the meetings of IPBES bodies.

2. Implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030

(a) Part A: first work programme

26. The following adjustment is proposed in part A:

(a) Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) of the first work programme of IPBES: invasive alien species assessment. An amount of \$20,000 has been included to account for the cost of the technical support unit, which will remain open six months after the tenth session of the Plenary, at which the assessment is presented for consideration (IPBES/10/INF/18, table A-1).

(b) Part B: rolling work programme up to 2030

27. It is proposed to make the following adjustments to the budget of the work programme, corresponding to a decrease of \$145,000:

(a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:

- (i) Deliverable 1 (a): nexus assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$93,900. Changes were made in particular to account for the exact number of authors that receive support from IPBES and the actual cost of the technical support unit (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-1).
- (ii) Deliverable 1 (c): transformative change assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$125,000. Changes include those made to account for the exact number of authors that receive support from IPBES and the actual cost of the technical support unit (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-2).
- (iii) Deliverable 1 (d): business and biodiversity assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$97,500 to take into account the exact number of authors that receive support from IPBES (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-3).
- (iv) Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services (subject to approval of the initiation of scoping by the Plenary). A budget for a scoping meeting has been included, amounting to \$145,000 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-4).
- (v) Deliverable 1 (f): fast-track assessment (1) (subject to approval of its initiation by the Plenary). The cost for a fast-track assessment (1) has been included, amounting to \$352,500, corresponding to the first author meeting and technical support (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-5).

- (b) Objective 2 on building capacity; and objective 4 (a) on advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies:
- (i) Objectives 2 (a): enhanced learning and engagement; 2 (b): facilitated access; 2 (c): strengthened national and regional capacities; and 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies. The budget for 2024 reflects the proposal, formulated by the Bureau in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and set out in document IPBES/10/8, for a single new larger task force to address both objective 2 and objective 4 (a), rather than two separate task forces. This represents an overall decrease of \$129,750 compared to the sum of the approved budgets for objective 2 and objective 4 (a). That change reflects in particular the cost of one slightly larger technical support unit, replacing two individual units, and one in-person meeting of the task force, replacing two such meetings, and also takes into account the actual number of fellows involved in the fellowship programme (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-8).
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
- (i) Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data. The cost has been decreased by \$17,000 to reflect adjustments in the task force activities and in the cost for technical support, in line with the change in connection with the task force on knowledge and data, as proposed by the Bureau in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and set out in document IPBES/10/8, (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-9).
- (ii) Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems. The cost has been increased by \$52,000, corresponding in particular to the addition of a dialogue for scoping of the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services and of a first dialogue for the new fast-track assessment (1), subject to approval of the initiation of those activities by the Plenary (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-10).
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
- (i) Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Changes include revision of the cost of the in-person meeting of the task force to reflect the revised number of members and adjustments in the cost of both activities of the task force, resulting in an overall decrease of \$4,000 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-12).
- (ii) Objective 4 (c): advanced work on multiple values. As was done for 2023, the cost of \$235,000 has been removed to reflect the considerations by the Bureau, in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, regarding a new task force structure, as set out in document IPBES/10/8.
- (e) Objective 6 on improving the effectiveness of the Platform:
- (i) Objective 6 (a): periodic review of the effectiveness of IPBES. A budget has been allocated to support the review panel for the external component of the midterm review, amounting to \$7,700 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-14).

3. Secretariat

28. The cost of secretariat personnel has been increased by \$81,000 to reflect the increase in United Nations standard salary costs.

C. Provisional budget for 2025

29. The 2025 provisional budget, shown in table 8, amounts to \$9.8 million. It was established in line with the adjustments made for 2023 and 2024, as described in subsections III (A) and III (B) of the present note.

Table 8
Provisional budget for 2025
 (United States dollars)

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2025 provisional budget</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies	
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary	
Travel costs for participants in the twelfth session of the Plenary (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	500 000
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000
Reporting services	65 000
Security and other costs	100 000
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 495 000
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Bureau session	35 450
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Panel session	85 000
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	120 450
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	25 000
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	1 640 450
2. Implementation of the work programme	
Rolling work programme up to 2030	
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 920 650
Deliverable 1 (a): a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	185 950
Deliverable 1 (c): a thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment)	80 000
Deliverable 1 (d): a methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment)	322 500
Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	515 950
Deliverable 1 (f): first fast-track assessment (fast-track assessment (1))	488 750
Deliverable 1 (g): second fast-track assessment (fast-track assessment (2))	327 500
Objective 2: building capacity; and objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	660 000
Objective 2 (a): enhanced learning and engagement; objective 2 (b): facilitated access to expertise and information; and objective 2 (c): strengthened national and regional capacities; and	660 000
Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	545 000
Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data	251 000
Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems	294 000
Objective 4: supporting policy	220 000
Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	220 000
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	280 000
Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication	250 000
Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders	30 000
Objective 6: improving the effectiveness of the Platform	49 800
Objective 6 (a): periodic review of the effectiveness of IPBES	49 800
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	3 675 450
3. Secretariat	
3.1 Secretariat personnel	3 418 065
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	352 500

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2025 provisional budget</i>
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	3 770 565
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	9 086 465
Programme support costs	726 917
Total	9 813 382

30. The costs in the 2025 provisional budget for the rolling work programme up to 2030 cover the following deliverables and objectives:

- (a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:
 - (i) Deliverable 1 (a): nexus assessment. Amount budgeted: \$185,950, corresponding to the costs of design, layout, dissemination, outreach and technical support for the completed assessment (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-1);
 - (ii) Deliverable 1 (c): transformative change assessment. Amount budgeted: \$80,000, corresponding to the costs of design, layout, dissemination, outreach and technical support for the completed assessment (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-2);
 - (iii) Deliverable 1 (d): business and biodiversity assessment. Amount budgeted: \$322,500, including the cost of participation of experts in the twelfth session of the Plenary and of design, layout, dissemination, outreach and technical support (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-3);
 - (iv) Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$515,950, corresponding to the first author meeting and technical support (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-4);
 - (v) Deliverable 1 (f): fast-track assessment (1). Amount budgeted: \$488,750, including for the second author meeting and meetings to develop the summary for policymakers, as well as the costs of design, layout, dissemination, outreach and technical support (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-5);
 - (vi) Deliverable 1 (g): fast-track assessment (2). Amount budgeted: \$327,500, corresponding to the first author meeting and technical support (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-6);
- (b) Objective 2 on building capacity; and objective 4 (a) on advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies:
 - (i) Objectives 2 (a): enhanced learning and engagement; 2 (b): facilitated access; 2 (c): strengthened national and regional capacities; and 4 (a): advanced work on policy tools and methodologies. Amount budgeted: \$660,000, following the same approach as for 2024 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-8);
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
 - (i) Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data. Amount budgeted: \$251,000, following the same approach as for 2024 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-9);
 - (ii) Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems. Amount budgeted: \$294,000, following the same approach as for 2024 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-10);
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$220,000, following the same approach as for 2024 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-12);
- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication. Amount budgeted: \$250,000 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-13);
 - (ii) Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders. Amount budgeted: \$30,000 (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-13);

- (f) Objective 6 on improving the effectiveness of the Platform:
 - (i) Objective 6 (a): periodic review of the effectiveness of IPBES. Amount budgeted: \$49,800, to support the review panel for the external component of the review, and to cover the participation of several panel members in the twelfth session of the Plenary (IPBES/10/INF/18, table B-14).

31. In addition to the implementation of the work programme, the provisional budget for 2025 includes the cost of meetings of the IPBES bodies, including the twelfth session of the Plenary, tentatively scheduled for December 2024, and secretariat costs.

IV. Overview of the cost of the Platform and estimate of funds to be raised

A. Overview of the cost of the Platform

32. The yearly costs for 2023, 2024 and 2025 amount to \$9.3 million, \$10.1 million and \$9.8 million, respectively. Based on previous years, and disregarding the pandemic, average yearly savings can be expected to be \$1.3 million.

B. Estimate of funds to be raised

33. The estimated cash balance as at 1 January 2023 was \$9.1 million, in accordance with the UNEP statement regarding cash available in the trust fund as at 31 December 2022. That balance is used in table 9 (on p.24) to estimate the cumulative balance of available funds from 2023 to 2025.

34. Table 9 assumes an average yearly income of \$5.5 million. If that assumption holds true, the trust fund would be able to cover the estimated costs for 2023, leaving \$5.3 million unspent at the end of 2023. The trust fund would also be able to cover the estimated costs for 2024, leaving \$0.7 million unspent at the end of 2024. In 2025, however, an additional \$3.6 million would need to be raised to cover the cost of the provisional budget for that year.

35. When the average yearly savings of \$1.3 million mentioned above are taken into account, the estimated balance at the end of 2025 is positive and equal to \$0.3 million.

V. Fundraising strategy

36. This section describes the actions taken by the secretariat in response to the request in paragraph 2 of decision IPBES-9/3 and by others in response to the invitation in paragraph 1 of the same decision⁵ and in line with the fundraising strategy approved in decision IPBES-5/6.

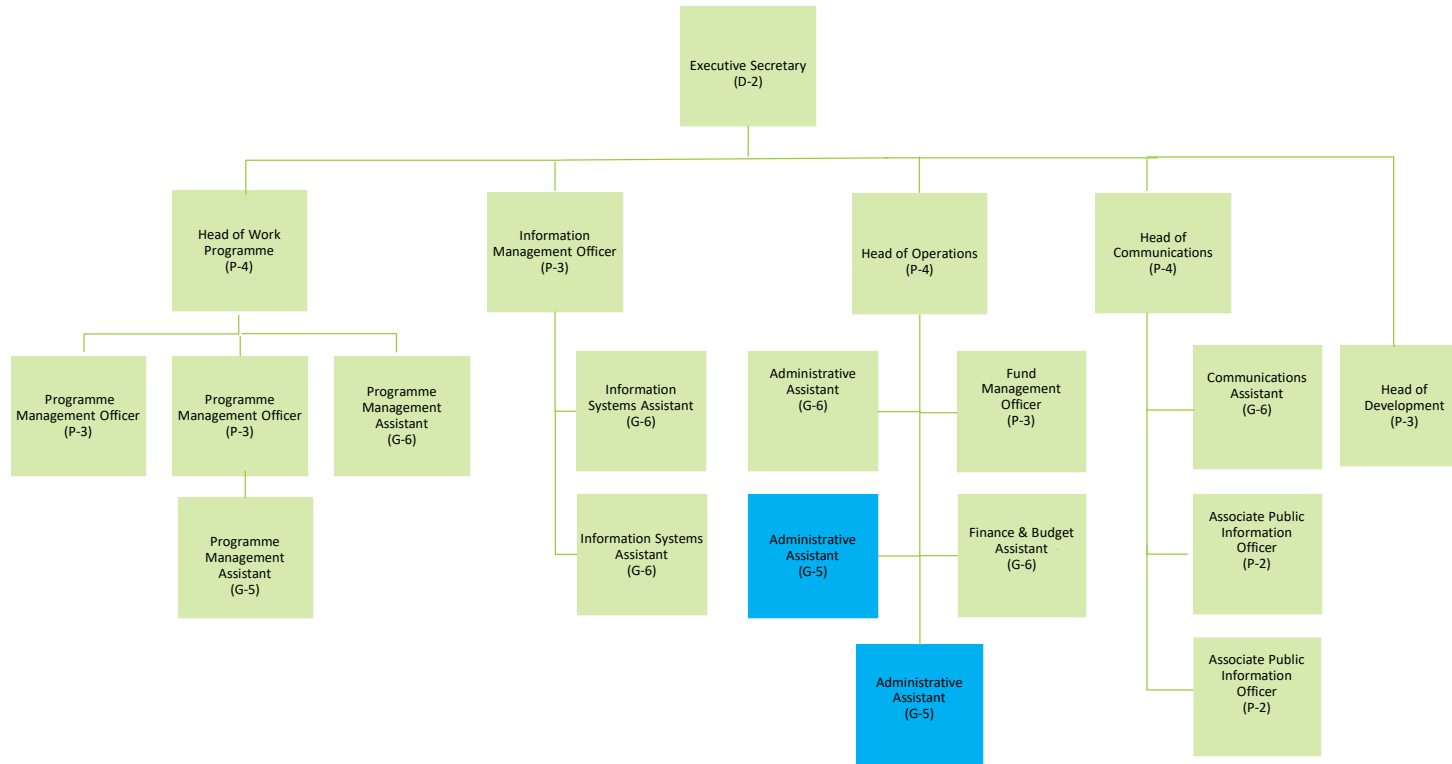
37. Paragraph 2 of decision IPBES-9/3 requested the Executive Secretary to increase efforts to encourage members of IPBES to pledge and contribute to the trust fund of IPBES, as well as through in-kind contributions, with a view to broadening the donor base. In response, the Executive Secretary invited, through personalized letters to the respective national focal points, IPBES members who had contributed at least once to the trust fund since the start of IPBES in 2012 but had not contributed in 2022 to become a donor to the trust fund in 2023. The Executive Secretary has also started the process of inviting IPBES members who have not yet contributed to the IPBES trust fund to become donors; the national focal points of more than 20 IPBES members have received personalized letters and the secretariat is following up on those letters with individual phone calls.

38. The generous support of the Government of France for the head of development, who implemented the fundraising strategy as part of the IPBES secretariat, ended in August 2022. Recruitment of a head of development against a P-3 post approved by the Plenary at its seventh session is currently under way.

39. Regarding donations from non-governmental sources, the departure of the head of development has limited the secretariat's capacity to interact with existing donors and no new donors have been identified since the ninth session of the Plenary.

⁵ Similar invitations were contained in decisions IPBES-2/7, IPBES-3/2, IPBES-4/2, IPBES-5/6 and IPBES-8/4.

Organization chart for the IPBES secretariat^a



^a The blue colour corresponds to the posts proposed for reclassification in the revised budget for 2023.

Table 9
Total cash requirements for the Platform and estimated cumulative balance of available funds for the period 2023–2025

(Millions of United States dollars)

	2023		2024		2025	
	<i>Total cash requirement</i>	<i>Cumulative balance of available funds</i>	<i>Total cash requirement</i>	<i>Cumulative balance of available funds</i>	<i>Total cash requirement</i>	<i>Cumulative balance of available funds</i>
Estimated cash balance as at 1 January of current year		+9.1		+5.3		+0.7
Estimated income for current year:						
Income from contributions received and pledged for current year (see table 1)		+5.0		+1.5		+3.0
Potential additional contributions from regular contributors (not yet pledged)		+0.5		+4.0		+2.5
Estimated costs of IPBES	- 9.3		-10.1		-9.8	
Estimated balance at 31 December of current year based on assumed yearly income of \$5.5 million		+5.3		+0.7		-3.6
Estimated balance at 31 December of current year, based on assumed yearly income of \$5.5 million, and assuming \$1.3 million savings per year		+6.6		+3.3		+0.3

40. In terms of contributions received, an amount of \$1.9 million was contributed by nine non-governmental donors between 2018 and 2023, as shown in table 1, part 2. This included three awards to IPBES: the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity in 2022, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation award received in 2021 and the Win-Win Gothenburg Sustainability Award received in 2020. All contributions from the private sector were accepted by the Bureau after completion of the due diligence process required by the UNEP Partnership Policy.

41. In addition to the contributions received from private-sector donors, three existing donors have made pledges to date for the period 2023–2025, for a total amount of \$178,000.

42. In summary, fundraising efforts aimed at non-governmental donors have so far yielded a total of \$2.1 million for the period 2018–2025, including contributions received and pledges made.

43. The secretariat has continued to raise private-sector awareness regarding IPBES activities, including by disseminating, to companies from the private sector, the call for nominations of experts for the methodological assessment of business and biodiversity.

44. In line with paragraph 7 of decision IPBES-8/4, neither logos nor names of private-sector or non-governmental stakeholder donors have appeared on IPBES reports or other IPBES knowledge products; all donors providing financial contributions to the trust fund, including private-sector and non-governmental stakeholders, have been listed in the budget report (table 1 of the present note); and all donors providing financial contributions to the trust fund, including private-sector and non-governmental stakeholders, have been listed on the IPBES website following approval by the Bureau.