
**Online dialogue with national and (sub)regional platforms
and networks engaging with IPBES under the 2030 IPBES rolling work programme**
23 June 2023

Report of the online dialogue with national and (sub)regional platforms and networks engaging with IPBES

Introduction

1. The online dialogue with national and (sub)regional platforms and networks engaging with IPBES was held online on 23 June 2023. It was organized in the context of objective 2 of the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030, “building capacity”.
2. The dialogue facilitated sharing of knowledge and best practices among 1) National and (sub) regional platforms and networks engaging with IPBES; 2) IPBES and CBD national focal points and other government representatives, observers and other stakeholders interested in establishment of national and (sub) regional platforms, networks and assessments and organizations and institutions that could support such efforts; and 3) IPBES and CBD national focal points and other government representatives, observers and other stakeholders interested in exploring how national and (sub)regional platforms could achieve increased synergies in supporting the implementation of the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
3. The present document provides an overview of the discussions taken place and ideas and suggestions shared during the sessions as well as attendance. More detailed information is available in the following documents:
 - IPBES/TF/CBG/WSP/2023/1 – Concept note and provisional annotated agenda
 - IPBES/TF/CBG/WSP/2023/2 – Report of the online dialogue with national and (sub)regional platforms and networks engaging with IPBES
 - IPBES/TF/CBG/WSP/2023/Other/1 - List of participants.
 - IPBES/TF/CBG/WSP/2023/Other/2 – Ideas and suggestions shared using Mentimeter

I. Objectives of the meeting

4. This online dialogue meeting was part of a series of capacity-building activities that contribute to strengthening national and regional capacities, such as encouraging the establishment of national and (sub)regional platforms, networks and assessments and their support, as well as facilitating increased coordination, collaboration, and capacity-building among platforms and networks.
5. IPBES convenes regular dialogues to bring together national and (sub)regional platforms and networks engaging with, and contributing to, the work of IPBES and those interested in establishing a new platform and organizations and institutions that could support such efforts. The dialogues provide a space for sharing knowledge and best practices and exploring strategic priorities and opportunities for achieving increased synergies and impact among the national and regional platforms, networks and assessments.

6. The main objective of this online dialogue was to explore efforts to increase synergies and collaboration in supporting the implementation of the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).

II. Summary of the sessions and general discussions and presentations

Opening of the meeting and agenda

7. IPBES Chair, Ana Maria Hernandez Salgar, welcomed participants to the meeting and emphasized that strengthen national and regional capacities is a key component of the IPBES work on capacity building under the work programme up to 2030. An important part of this work is encouraging the undertaking of national ecosystem assessments and the establishment of science-policy platforms at national and (sub)regional levels. She highlighted that national and (sub)regional science-policy platforms and networks have the potential to contribute greatly to the work and objective of IPBES. Moreover, they also could have an important role in supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted in December 2022.

Ingunn Storrø, head of the technical support unit on capacity-building, presented the agenda and objectives of the meeting and gave an introduction to Mentimeter, an online tool used to facilitate interaction and participation during the meeting.

8. A brief interactive Mentimeter session was moderated by Ingunn Storrø, engaging with the participants to get a sense of the different countries present in the meeting, as well the type of communities and organisations.

Introduction to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)

9. Jihyun Lee, Director of Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity/ UNEP shared her reflections on the Global Biodiversity Framework. She highlighted the scientific and evidence-based foundations for the framework, and emphasized significant contributions by IPBES, in particular the IPBES Global Assessment. Lee stressed the importance of supporting countries in their efforts to implement the GBF, which includes provision of information, but also scientific and technical capacity-building.

10. Kieran Noonan Mooney began his presentation with an overview of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework that was adopted in Montreal in December 2022, including key elements, the vision and the four global goals for 2050 vision, and the 23 global targets for 2030. He emphasized several IPBES assessments that had been particularly helpful in shaping the outcome of the framework, such as the Global Assessment, the Assessment on Land Degradation and Restoration, as well as the Methodological Assessment of the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature, the Assessment on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species, and the ongoing invasive alien species assessment. Mooney also emphasized the importance of considering nontraditional conservation issues, such as human rights, gender and human health, which had been brought into the framework by IPBES assessments and are essential for effective action and implementation of the framework. Mooney ended his presentation by recognising the development and refinement of the national biodiversity strategies, action plans, targets and national self-assessments as the main challenges. He identified the scientific community in general, but also the IPBES community and the participants of this online meeting as key players in supporting a positive outcome. Mentioning the decision 15/8 of the COP to establish a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and the development of regional and/or (sub)regional technical and scientific cooperation support centres, Mooney offered insights into several entry points where the IPBES community could play a particularly important role.

Opportunities for national and (sub)regional platforms and networks to engage with IPBES

11. Ingunn Storrø, head of the technical support unit of capacity-building then proceeded to present the IPBES work programme up to 2030 and upcoming opportunities for national and sub(regional) platforms to engage with IPBES. She described the commonalities of the different platforms involved in IPBES, such as providing space for coordinating and collaborating on joint activities and to strengthen the national science-policy interface. The ways that national and subregional) platforms can engage with and contribute to the work of IPBES were highlighted and the processes described in detail, including those that are relevant in the upcoming months of 2023, such as nominating experts, participating in an external review, as well as supporting uptake of completed assessments. A reference was made to the

document "Opportunities for national platforms and networks to engage with and contribute to the work of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)"¹.

Synergies – supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF through the IPBES work programme up to 2030

12. Lucy Nganga provided information on Kenya's process to implement the global biodiversity framework and emphasized the importance of IPBES assessment reports as valuable tools for identification and prioritization of national concerns. She highlighted the significance of national and regional platforms in establishing frameworks so that despite of regular changes in administrative organs or national focal point personnel, the work can continue to be carried out efficiently. Ms Nganga pointed out that scientific data to inform national institutions is critical as well as building the capacity for national focal points. Washington Ayiemba provided background information on the Kenyan National Dialogue and reflected on their importance as a network of communities in policy, science and practice serving to disseminate IPBES assessment and facilitate their uptake at the national level.

13. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster, coordinator of the German IPBES coordination office and Lennart Kuemper-Schlake, the German Government representative working with both IPBES and CBD shared their experiences. Akhtar-Schuster presented the German structure to implement national IPBES activities and she expanded on the establishment of the German IPBES coordination office and organisation of national IPBES fora. The fora serve to inform the Federal Government through national experts in preparation for upcoming discussions in IPBES plenary sessions and also assess knowledge gaps which IPBES assessments have pointed out and thereby inform the German national research agenda. Mr. Kuemper-Schlake pointed out the complementary work between the IPBES National Coordination Office and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation Germany, which serves to translate policy needs and forms bridges to research, also supporting the IPBES national focal point. He continued to describe further activities, such as informal expert meetings on the European level, which are held ahead of IPBES plenaries.

Potential national processes and actions that support both the implementation of the IPBES work programme and the Kunming-Montreal GBF

14. Hong Tran from the technical support unit on capacity-building moderated the conservation session, inviting participants to share their knowledge, experience, and reflections on how we through, a strong engagement in IPBES also could support the achievement of an effective and strong implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework. The inputs from the participants, served as ideas of potential supportive actions, were captured and shared using Mentimeter. A very fruitful conversation took place during this session, and the outputs of this conversation are made available in document IPBES/TF/CBG/WSP/2023/Other/2. In the closing of this conversation, the participants were made aware of the new submission form to register contributions, planned or completed, to the work on capacity-building under the auspices of IPBES².

15. Juanita Chavez, head of the national ecosystem assessment (NEA) initiative, gave an overview of the processes of national ecosystem assessments and their important role in science, policy and practice to implement IPBES and CBD processes and offering participants online resources for more information.

16. Amarys Preuss, IPBES stakeholder engagement officer presented the stakeholder engagement strategy within IPBES, whereby stakeholders can be defined as the global community or institutions, organizations or individuals. She provided information on the various role of stakeholders and offered concrete opportunities for engagement, including the Stakeholder Day on 27 August 2023 ahead of the 10th session of the IPBES Plenary (IPBES-10) in Bonn, Germany, as well as the stakeholder engagement team, and the TRACK database³

Closing of the meeting

¹ <https://www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/inline-files/National%20platforms%20and%20networks%20-%20opportunities%20to%20engage%20with%20and%20contribute%20to%20the%20work%20of%20IPBES.pdf>

² https://www.ipbes.net/support_to_building_capacity_submissions

³ <https://www.ipbes.net/impact-tracking>

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17. IPBES Chair, Ana Maria Hernandez Salgar closed the meeting by thanking all the presenters and participants for their contributions and engagement in interesting discussions. She acknowledged the important work of national focal points, networks and platforms and invited everyone to join IPBES-10 in Bonn, Germany.