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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. The Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) in paragraph 2 of decision IPBES-10/3, on financial and budgetary arrangements, urged Governments, including regional economic integration organizations, in a position to do so to support the work of the Platform by making pledges and contributions to the trust fund of the Platform, as well as in-kind contributions; and, in paragraph 3, invited United Nations bodies, the Global Environment Facility, other intergovernmental organizations, the private sector, foundations, stakeholders and others in a position to do so to support the work of the Platform, in particular through contributions to the trust fund. 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 6 of the same decision the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary to report on expenditures for 2023 to the Plenary at its eleventh session. Accordingly, those expenditures are presented in section II of the present note against the 2023 revised budget of \$9,071,593 adopted by the Plenary in paragraph 10 of decision IPBES-10/3.
3. In paragraph 11 of the same decision the Plenary adopted the budget for 2024, amounting to \$10,455,858. An estimate of expenditures for 2024 will be presented to the eleventh session of the Plenary (section III).
4. In paragraph 12 of the same decision, the Plenary adopted a provisional budget for 2025 amounting to \$10,202,992. Section IV presents a budget for 2025, along with a provisional budget for 2026 and 2027. Additional details on the amounts in the proposed budgets for 2025, 2026 and 2027 in relation to the work programme are provided in document IPBES/11/INF/12.
5. Section V 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 2027. Estimated funds available as at 1 January 2024 amounted to \$ 9.8 million. Taking into account contributions received and

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pledges made as at 13 September 2024 and assuming a yearly income of \$5.5 million based on expected contributions and pledges made, and an average yearly savings of \$1.3 million, it is concluded that enough funds would be available to cover expenses in 2024, 2025 and 2026 and that there would be a need to raise an additional \$2.6 million to be in a position to implement the work programme in 2027.

6. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to increase efforts to further encourage members to take on ownership of the Platform by contributing to the trust fund of the Platform, as well as through in-kind contributions, with a view to broadening the donor base; and in paragraph 5, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to revisit the fundraising strategy, including recommendations to improve its impact, and to put forward recommendations for consideration by the Plenary at its eleventh session. Accordingly, section VI, part A, of the present note, on the fundraising strategy, presents a report on efforts undertaken to further encourage members of IPBES to contribute to the trust fund of IPBES, as well as through in-kind contributions, and recommendations on improving the impact of the fundraising strategy.

7. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Plenary invited those in a position to do so to support a secondee or Junior Professional Officer to enhance the work of the secretariat of the Platform. Accordingly, section VI, part A, of the present note, on the fundraising strategy provides information on action undertaken in that regard.

8. Finally, in paragraph 8, the Plenary urged those in a position to do so to provide funding to Indigenous Peoples and local communities and youth representatives to increase their participation in the full range of activities of the Platform; and, in paragraph 9, requested the secretariat to develop and review options for providing funding for the participation of IPLCs and youth in the full range of activities of the Platform to ensure that their thus far underrepresented perspective can be better included for consideration by the Plenary at its eleventh session. Section VI, part B of the present note presents such options.

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

A. Contributions to the trust fund

9. Table 1 (on p. 4) shows the status, as at 13 September 2024, of the cash contributions to the trust fund received and pledged since 2018, from Governments (part 1) and other donors (part 2), and investment and miscellaneous income for that same period (part 3).

10. IPBES received \$7.2 million into its trust fund in 2023, including \$6.2 million from Governments. There is one outstanding pledge from 2023 from the European Commission of about \$0.7 million.

11. 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-7/4 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 about \$0.3 million for 2023 and about \$0.6 million in 2024. This includes in 2024 an amount of \$0.5 million from the Asahi Glass Foundation corresponding to the Blue Planet Prize awarded to IPBES in recognition of “its outstanding achievements in scientific research and its application that have helped provide solutions to global environmental problems”.

12. Part 3 of table 1 shows that in 2023 IPBES received on its trust fund about \$0.8 million as investment and miscellaneous income mostly due to a positive market value on cash pool resources of UNEP in 2023. As at 13 September 2024, \$0.4 million have been generated from investments and from refunds of value-added tax.

13. Part 1 of table 2 (on p. 6) shows earmarked contributions received in cash, and pledges made, for activities that are part of the approved work programme and the approved budget, for the period 2018–2024. These contributions and pledges amount to about \$0.3 million for 2024. 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.

14. 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 about \$3.0 million for the period 2018–2024.

15. IPBES currently maintains on its trust fund a working capital reserve of \$976,373, as per rule 20 of its financial rules, requesting to maintain a working capital reserve of 10 per cent of the average annual budget of the biennium.

B. In-kind contributions

16. Table 3 (on p. 8) shows in-kind contributions received in 2023, 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 about \$2 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).

17. In addition to the amounts shown in table 3, an in-kind contribution estimated at between \$4.2 and 8.3 million was made to the work of IPBES in 2023 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.¹ The total contribution represented by such pro bono service since 2014 is estimated at between about \$40.4 million and \$80.7 million, an amount comparable to the total cash contributions to the trust fund received over the same period.²

18. In 2023 and 2024, 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 (on p. 10) presents examples of research calls or capacity-building activities known to the secretariat, amounting to about \$76 million for 2023–2024. A more complete list, with an additional list of smaller projects, can be found on the IPBES website.

19. Lastly, many events were organized in 2023 and 2024 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. These 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.

¹ 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).

² These estimates are based on participation in the work of IPBES by 800 experts in 2023, 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.

Table 1
Status of cash contributions received and pledges made for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2025 (as at 13 September 2024)
 (United States dollars)

	<i>Contributions received</i>							<i>Pledges</i>			<i>Total pledges</i>
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	
1. Governments											
Australia	–	–	–	30 000	69 140	68 630	66 600	–	–	–	–
Austria	17 123	–	22 222	16 892	–	21 254	–	–	–	–	–
Belgium	77 193	73 661	73 853	74 324	70 288	71 197	–	–	–	–	–
Bulgaria	2 323	2 273	2 198	2 427	2 068	2 203	2 191	–	–	–	–
Canada ^a	25 583	30 312	31 260	31 216	31 119	29 577	29 146	–	–	–	–
Chile	13 000	12 751	11 000	12 053	10 850	11 349	–	–	6 529	–	6 529
China	200 000	200 000	180 000	180 000	180 000	180 000	178 300	–	–	–	–
Denmark	–	29 908	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Estonia	–	5 044	2 389	2 326	–	2 637	–	–	–	–	–
European Union	–	2 155 333	–	1 223 321	411 451	1 927 313	–	660 066	–	1 925 193	2 585 259
Finland ^a	11 696	22 727	23 697	23 866	30 060	38 293	–	–	–	–	–
France ^a	844 838	416 343	503 897	290 687	321 489	286 358	173 761	–	277 985	–	277 985
Germany ^a	1 457 267	1 242 916	1 109 361	1 266 363	1 293 674	1 101 372	1 077 617	–	–	–	–
Japan	190 454	166 428	193 181	193 181	189 814	189 814	189 814	–	–	–	–
Latvia	4 227	11 377	11 947	12 165	9 737	10 672	10 823	–	–	–	–
Luxembourg	17 045	11 123	–	9 558	–	16 630	–	–	–	–	–
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	–	715 072	–	225 225	479 744	–	–	–	–	–	–
New Zealand	17 047	16 557	–	34 920	16 995	15 745	15 233	–	–	–	–
Norway	665 417	324 585	290 757	372 715	334 317	330 615	–	–	–	–	–
Republic of Korea	–	123 378	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Slovakia	–	–	23 895	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Spain	–	–	–	93 826	42 239	43 621	53 996	–	–	–	–
Sweden ^a	253 128	161 339	159 502	173 261	159 285	143 924	142 784	–	–	–	–
Switzerland	84 000	72 651	84 344	71 809	100 675	113 986	118 569	–	–	–	–

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

	<i>Contributions received</i>						<i>Pledges</i>				<i>Total pledges</i>
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	650 214	502 060	269 830	244 494	407 550	366 739	366 739	–	–	366 748	366 748
United States of America	495 000	497 759	497 000	750 000	–	1 199 000	–	1 000	–	–	1 000
Subtotal 1	5 025 556	6 793 596	3 490 333	5 334 628	4 160 495	6 170 928	2 425 572	661 066	284 514	2 291 941	3 237 520
2. Other donors											
Asahi Glass Foundation (Blue Planet Prize)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	500 000	–	500 000
AXA SA	–	–	–	–	184 009	92 004	–	–	–	–	–
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation ^a	–	–	–	–	286 740	–	–	–	–	–	–
BNP Paribas Foundation	–	–	–	–	66 725	21 906	–	–	22 002	–	22 002
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation	–	–	–	–	553 305	–	–	–	–	–	–
H&M Hennes & Mauritz GBC AB	–	–	44 014	45 732	39 599	41 073	–	–	–	–	–
Kering SA	–	131 291	143 369	143 369	134 831	126 582	–	–	109 529	–	109 529
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	281 566			631 531		631 531
Subtotal (1 + 2)	5 037 037	6 936 048	3 791 379	5 568 774	5 425 703	6 452 944	2 425 572	661 066	916 045	2 291 941	3 869 052
3. Investment and miscellaneous income^b											
	158 546	217 091	179 314	(8 856)	41 965	777 061	445 069	–	–	–	–
Total (1 + 2 + 3)	5 195 583	7 153 139	3 970 693	5 559 918	5 467 668	7 229 555	2 870 641	661 066	916 045	2 291 941	3 869 052

^b Investment income earned on cash pool resources of UNEP and value-added tax reimbursement.

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	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	29 577	29 146		
Finland	Support for the work programme and for participants in meetings of IPBES bodies	Support for deliverables				23 866	30 060	38 293			
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			60 175			
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				
France (Office français de la biodiversité)	Support for business and biodiversity assessment, and monitoring assessment	Support for deliverables								277 985	277 985
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				

Government/institution	Activity	Type of support	Contributions received						Pledges made		
			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	Total pledges
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								
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	128 045	29 146	277 985	277 985
1.2 Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of the approved work programme from other donors											
AXA SA	Support for the work programme – nexus assessment and transformative change assessment	Support for deliverables					184 009	92 004			
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Support for the work programme – nexus assessment	Staff costs					286 740				
Subtotal 1.2							470 749	92 004			
Total 1			762 831	418 336	265 179	158 082	853 865	220 049	29 146	277 985	277 985
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					

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<i>Government/institution</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Type of support</i>	<i>Contributions received</i>							<i>Pledges made</i>		
			<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>Total pledges</i>	
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	220 049	29 146	277 985	277 985	

^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 2023
 (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			
Government of Norway	Technical support unit for the task force on capacity-building	Staff, office and general operating costs	300 000
Norwegian Environment Agency	Second meeting to advance the summary for policymakers of the transformative change assessment	Venue and logistical costs	5 600
	Meeting with IPBES national focal points	Logistical costs	18 700
University of Bergen, Norway	Meeting with IPBES national focal points	Venue and logistical costs	16 500
Government of Italy	Dialogue meeting with new IPBES members and observer States	Venue and logistical costs	8 600
University of Montpellier, France	Technical support unit for the transformative change assessment	Staff, office and general operating costs	296 500
	Technical support on graphic design for the transformative change assessment	Staff and general operating costs	17 300
	Second author meeting of the transformative change assessment	Venue and logistical costs	3 900
	First and second meetings to advance the summary for policymakers of the transformative change assessment	Venue and logistical costs	2 800
	Second author meeting of the transformative change assessment	Venue and logistical costs	3 500
Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre, Costa Rica	Second author meeting of the transformative change assessment	Venue and logistical costs	3 500
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	82 700
	Indigenous and local knowledge dialogue on scenarios of the future and the transformative change assessment	Support for participants and logistical costs	10 800
PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency	Indigenous and local knowledge dialogue on scenarios of the future and the transformative change assessment	Support for participants and logistical costs	10 500
Biodiversa+ and Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité, France	Technical support unit for the task force on knowledge and data - knowledge generation catalysis	Staff, office and general operating costs	29 000

<i>Government/institution</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Type of support</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
Senckenberg Society for Nature Research, Germany	Technical support unit for the task force on knowledge and data – data management	Staff, office and general operating costs	145 000
Ministry of the Environment, Japan	Technical support unit for the Invasive Alien Species Assessment	Staff, office and general operating costs	192 000
South African National Parks	Second author meeting and first meeting to advance the summary for policymakers of the nexus assessment	Venue and logistical costs	48 000
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology/Institute of Meteorology and Climate Research Atmospheric Environmental Research, Campus Alpin, Germany	Second meeting to advance the summary for policymakers of the nexus assessment	Venue and logistical costs	11 000
Museums of Kenya in Nairobi	6 th meeting of the IPBES capacity-building forum	Venue and logistical costs	1 000
United Nations Development Programme/BES-Net	Annual fellows' training workshop; 6 th meeting of the IPBES capacity-building forum	Venue and logistical costs	5 500
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	Technical support unit for the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge	Staff, office and general operating costs	150 000
UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Technical support unit for the business and biodiversity assessment	Staff, office and general operating costs	154 100
Alexander von Humboldt Institute, Colombia	Technical support unit for the business and biodiversity assessment	Staff, office and general operating costs	66 200
	First author meeting for the business and biodiversity assessment	Logistical costs	1 100
United Nations Environment Programme	Secondment of a P-4 programme management officer to the IPBES secretariat	Staff costs	143 000
Subtotal 1			1 723 300

2. Support for additional activities organized in support of the work programme

Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	The rolling draft of the Nature Futures Framework and its methodological guidance available in all UN languages	Translations	16 500
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany	Tenth session of the Plenary	Logistical costs	2 900
City of Bonn, Germany	Tenth session of the Plenary	Branding support	3 000
International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources	Support for stakeholder engagement	Technical support	71 000

<i>Government/institution</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Type of support</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
Institute for Biodiversity Network	Capacity-building workshop for stakeholders in Kyrgyzstan	Travel support	1 300
	Regional capacity-building workshop for Central Asia	Travel support	1 400
Horn of Africa Regional Environment Center and Network	Regional meeting of IPBES stakeholders for East Africa	Travel support	1 500
University of Montpellier, France	Support for stakeholder engagement: webinar on “what is IPBES?” and IPBES booth in the pavilion of the University of Montpellier at the AdNatura exhibition, Montpellier, France	Venue and logistical costs	12 900
Programme support costs of the IPBES trust fund	Surplus from the programme support costs of the IPBES trust fund	Staff costs	234 900
Subtotal 2			345 400
Total (1 + 2)			2 068 700

Table 4

Examples of activities catalysed by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in 2023 and 2024

(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 proposals on “Transformative action of policy mixes, governance and digitalisation addressing biodiversity loss” (requested to be relevant to IPBES work on transformative change)	4.3
		Call for proposals on the “Dependence of society and the economy on pollinators and on resilient European food systems in a changing world” (based on the IPBES assessment report on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production)	22.5
Biodiversa+ with the European Commission	Biodiversa+	Joint call for research proposals on “Nature-based solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change”, addressing issues identified in the IPBES assessment of the diverse values and valuation of nature	42.8
Capacity-building			
UNDP; UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany (through International Climate Initiative)	UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Supporting decision making and building capacity to support IPBES through national ecosystem assessments: capacity-building and support for Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia and Grenada to undertake national ecosystem assessments and to establish IPBES national science-policy platforms	1.42
	UNDP and UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Thematic Trust Fund - Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net) phase II: capacity-building and support for national biodiversity and ecosystem service assessments in up to 40 countries	3.29

<i>Funding Government/funding institution</i>	<i>Project lead</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Estimated value</i>
	Centre for Development Research, Germany	Capacity Development for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Experts in West, Central and East Africa (CABES): improved uptake of IPBES products into national policies to better conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystem services	1.12
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany	Institute for Biodiversity – Network, in coordination with the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation	Building capacity in the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia region: organization of capacity- building workshops on IPBES processes and products; a national workshop in Kyrgyzstan (September 2023) and a regional workshop in Kazakhstan where 6 Central Asian countries participated (December 2023)	0.36
	German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation	Youth workshops on IPBES: capacity building and support for early-career individuals globally and in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region	0.16
Total			75.95

II. Final expenditures for 2023

20. Table 5 shows the final expenditures for 2023 against the revised budget for 2023 of \$9,071,593 approved by the Plenary at its tenth session (decision IPBES-10/3). Final expenditures in 2023 amounted to \$7.1 million, which represents savings of about \$2.0 million compared to the approved budget. This was achieved largely through savings on:

- (a) Secretariat personnel and operating costs (\$1.0 million), resulting mainly from lower expenses on staff salaries, and from posts not being filled as budgeted;
- (b) Implementation of the work programme (\$0.5 million), resulting mainly from travel costs for the second author meeting of the transformative change assessment, for the first author meeting of the business and biodiversity assessment, for the meeting of IPBES national focal points, and for the fellowship programme being lower than budgeted;
- (c) Meetings of the IPBES bodies (\$0.3 million), resulting mainly from lower costs for translation and interpretation related to the tenth session of the Plenary, and for security and other costs.

Table 5
Final expenditures for 2023
(United States dollars)

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2023 revised budget</i>	<i>2023 expenses</i>	<i>2023 balance</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	487 491	12 509
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000	665 521	164 479
Reporting services	65 000	58 528	6 472
Security and other costs	200 000	106 928	93 072
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 595 000	1 318 468	276 532
1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions			
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Bureau session	35 450	27 391	8 059

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2023 revised budget</i>	<i>2023 expenses</i>	<i>2023 balance</i>
Travel and meeting costs for participants for one Panel session	85 000	70 893	14 107
Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions	120 450	98 284	22 166
1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES	25 000	8 135	16 865
Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies	1 740 450	1 424 887	315 563
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	316 250	321 389	(5 139)
wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii): invasive alien species assessment	316 250	321 389	(5 139)
Subtotal, part A	316 250	321 389	(5 139)
Part B: rolling work programme up to 2030			
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 301 900	1 139 253	162 647
Deliverable 1 (a): a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	606 900	604 074	2 826
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)	401 250	309 918	91 332
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)	293 750	225 261	68 489
Objective 2: building capacity	688 325	450 949	237 376
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	688 325	450 949	237 376
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	597 000	558 551	38 449
Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data	209 000	209 000	
Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems	388 000	349 551	38 449
Objective 4: supporting policy	335 000	283 760	51 240
Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	165 000	123 797	41 203
Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	170 000	159 963	10 037
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	350 000	308 704	41 296
Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication	290 000	260 724	29 276
Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders	60 000	47 980	12 020
Subtotal, part B	3 272 225	2 741 217	531 008
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	3 588 475	3 062 606	525 869
3. Secretariat			
3.1 Secretariat personnel	2 718 198	1 804 611	913 587

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>2023 revised budget</i>	<i>2023 expenses</i>	<i>2023 balance</i>
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	352 500	307 807	44 693
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	3 070 698	2 112 418	958 280
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	8 399 623	6 599 911	1 799 712
Programme support costs	671 970	503 524	168 446
Total	9 071 593	7 103 435	1 968 158

III. Estimated expenditures for 2024

21. The Plenary adopted the budget for 2024, amounting to \$10,455,858. Final expenditures for 2024 will be presented to the twelfth session of the Plenary. An estimate of expenditures for 2024 will be presented to the eleventh session of the Plenary.

IV. Proposed budgets for 2025 to 2027

A. Budget for 2025

22. In decision IPBES-10/3, the Plenary adopted a provisional budget of \$10,202,992 for 2025 as set out in table 8 of the annex to that decision. Table 6 shows a proposed budget for 2025, alongside the 2025 provisional budget approved by the Plenary at its tenth session, of a broadly similar amount (\$10.2 million). Information on the specific changes is set out in the paragraphs below.

Table 6

Budget for 2025

(United States dollars)

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2025 approved provisional budget</i>	<i>2025 budget</i>	<i>Change</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	549 000	49 000
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000	830 000	
Reporting services	65 000	65 000	
Security and other costs	200 000	200 000	
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 595 000	1 644 000	49 000
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	1 740 450	1 789 450	49 000
2. Implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030			
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 860 650	2 018 986	158 336
Deliverable 1 (a): a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment)	185 950	228 868	42 918
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	110 000	30 000

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2025 approved provisional budget</i>	<i>2025 budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
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)	262 500	272 500	10 000
Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	515 950	633 868	117 918
Deliverable 1 (f): a methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (monitoring assessment)	488 750	421 250	(67 500)
Deliverable 1 (g): a methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity (spatial planning assessment)	327 500	352 500	25 000
Objective 2: building capacity	652 000	447 000	(205 000)
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	652 000	447 000	(205 000)
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	615 000	705 000	90 000
Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data	321 000	321 000	
Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems	294 000	384 000	90 000
Objective 4: supporting policy	437 000	415 000	(22 000)
Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	217 000	160 000	(57 000)
Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	220 000	255 000	35 000
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	280 000	340 000	60 000
Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication	250 000	280 000	30 000
Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders	30 000	60 000	30 000
Objective 6: improving the effectiveness of the Platform	91 550	92 250	700
Objective 6 (a): periodic review of the effectiveness of IPBES	91 550	92 250	700
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	3 936 200	4 018 236	82 036
3. Secretariat			
3.1 Secretariat personnel	3 418 065	3 240 641	(177 424)
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	352 500	401 261	48 761
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	3 770 565	3 641 902	(128 663)
Subtotal (1+2+3)	9 447 215	9 449 558	2 373
Programme support costs	755 777	755 967	190
Total	10 202 992	10 205 555	2 563

1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies

23. An amount of \$49,000 was added corresponding to a proposed increase in the cost per supported Plenary participant, from \$3,750 to \$4,500. This cost, which has not been updated since the start of IPBES in 2012, would reflect increases in travel costs, daily subsistence allowance as well as terminal expenses.

2. Implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030

24. It is proposed to make the following adjustments to the budget of the work programme, corresponding to an increase of \$82,036:

- (a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:
 - (i) Deliverable 1 (a): nexus assessment. The cost has been increased by \$42,918. Changes were made to account for the necessary cost for design, layout, dissemination and outreach (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 1).
 - (ii) Deliverable 1 (c): transformative change assessment. The cost has been increased by \$30,000 to account for the necessary cost for design, layout, dissemination and outreach (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 2).
 - (iii) Deliverable 1 (d): business and biodiversity assessment. The cost has been increased by \$10,000 to account for the necessary cost for design, layout, dissemination and outreach (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 3).
 - (iv) Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The cost has been increased by \$ 117,918 to reflect changes in the expected number of experts for the assessment and the cost of the technical support unit (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 4).
 - (v) Deliverable 1 (f): monitoring assessment. The cost has been reduced by \$67,500 to reflect the actual number of experts selected for the assessment (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 5).
 - (vi) Deliverable 1 (g): spatial planning assessment. The cost has been increased by \$25,000 to reflect the cost of the technical support unit based on the revised timeline of the assessment (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 6).
- (b) Objective 2 on building capacity:
 - (i) Objectives 2 (a): enhanced learning and engagement; 2 (b): facilitated access; 2 (c): strengthened national and regional capacities. The overall cost has been decreased by \$205,000 to account, in particular, for the exact number of fellows supported by the fellowship programme (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 8).
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
 - (i) Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems. The cost has been increased by \$90,000, corresponding in particular to the addition of a workshop on IPBES methods for working with Indigenous and local knowledge and of interpretation costs for the Indigenous and local knowledge webinar on the nexus and transformative change assessments (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 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 \$57,000. Changes were made in particular to reflect the revised proposed workplan for objective 4 (a), which does not include the establishment of a dedicated task force (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 11).
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The cost has been increased by \$35,000. Changes include the addition of a workshop on scenarios and models that better account for different knowledge systems, which was moved from 2024 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 12).
- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication. The cost has been increased by \$30,000 to address significant increases in the costs of global traditional media monitoring, digital asset management and to secure a comprehensive online scheduling, analysis and community management tool for IPBES social media activities.
 - (ii) Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders. The cost has been increased by \$30,000 to facilitate the more frequent direct participation and in-person support by the secretariat in key stakeholder activities, specifically in underrepresented geographical regions, as well as to develop and implement a new uptake tracking database for IPBES.

- (f) Objective 6 on improving the effectiveness of the Platform:
 - (i) Objective 6 (a): periodic review of the effectiveness of IPBES. The cost has been slightly increased (\$700) to adjust the cost to support the review panel for the external component of the midterm review, which corresponds to the revised timeline of the twelfth session of the Plenary (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 14).

3. Secretariat

25. The cost of secretariat has been decreased by about \$129,000 to reflect changes in the UNEP standard salary costs used for the budget, proposed changes in staffing (see next paragraph), increased costs for common services and for software, among others.

26. It is proposed to reclassify the position of Finance and Budget Assistant from the GS-6 to the GS-7 level. The tasks associated with the position have grown in recent years. The position plays a key role in the platform's budget, treasury, accounting and reporting processes. Most recently, the position has also been awarded a role in the certification of expenses. The independence and responsibility associated with the position have thus grown considerably, as has the seniority required to adequately fill this position. The described changes are commensurate with the higher grade. The difference in yearly cost would amount to about \$33,300. If approved, the post would be filled during the course of the year 2025.

27. An organization chart for the IPBES secretariat is shown on page 25 of the present note.

B. Provisional budget for 2026

28. The 2026 provisional budget, shown in table 7, amounts to about \$9.9 million. This provisional budget would implement the work programme as approved by the tenth session of the Plenary.

29. The costs in the 2026 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 (d): business and biodiversity assessment. Amount budgeted: \$95,000, including the cost for design, layout, dissemination and outreach; and technical support (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 3).
 - (ii) Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$847,622, corresponding to the second author meeting; first meeting to develop the summary for policymakers; and technical support (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 4).
 - (iii) Deliverable 1 (f): monitoring assessment. Amount budgeted: \$198,750, including the costs for participation in the thirteenth session of the Plenary; design, layout, dissemination and outreach; and technical support (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 5).
 - (iv) Deliverable 1 (g): spatial planning assessment. Amount budgeted: \$518,750, corresponding to the first meeting to develop the summary for policymakers; second author meeting; second meeting to develop the summary for policymakers; design, layout, dissemination and outreach; and technical support (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 6).
- (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. Amount budgeted: \$643,500, following the same approach as for 2025 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 8).
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
 - (i) Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data. Amount budgeted: \$321,000, following the same approach as for 2025 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 9).

- (ii) Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems. Amount budgeted: \$254,000, following the same approach as for 2025 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 10).
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies. Amount budgeted: \$160,000, following the same approach as for 2025 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 11).
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$170,000, following the same approach as for 2025 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 12).
- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication. Amount budgeted: \$280,000, following the same approach as for 2025 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 13).
 - (ii) Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders. Amount budgeted: \$60,000, following the same approach as for 2025 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 13).

30. In addition to the implementation of the work programme, the provisional budget for 2026 includes the cost of meetings of the IPBES bodies, including the thirteenth session of the Plenary, tentatively scheduled for November 2026, and secretariat costs.

Table 7
Provisional budget for 2026
 (United States dollars)

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2026 provisional budget</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies	
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary	
Travel costs for participants in the thirteenth session of the Plenary (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	549 000
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	830 000
Reporting services	65 000
Security and other costs	200 000
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 644 000
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	1 789 450
2. Implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030	
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 660 122
Deliverable 1 (d): a methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity)	95 000
Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	847 622
Deliverable 1 (f): a methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (monitoring assessment)	198 750
Deliverable 1 (g): a methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity (spatial planning assessment)	518 750
Objective 2: building capacity	643 500
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	643 500
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	575 000

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2026 provisional budget</i>
Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data	321 000
Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems	254 000
Objective 4: supporting policy	330 000
Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	160 000
Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	170 000
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	340 000
Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication	280 000
Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders	60 000
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	3 548 622
3. Secretariat	
3.1 Secretariat personnel	3 402 673
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	406 986
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	3 809 659
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	9 147 731
Programme support costs	731 818
Total	9 879 550

C. Provisional budget for 2027

31. The 2027 provisional budget, shown in table 8, amounts to about \$10.1 million. This provisional budget would implement the work programme as approved by the tenth session of the Plenary.

32. The costs in the 2027 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 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$989,403, corresponding to the second meeting to develop the summary for policymakers; third author meeting; third meeting to develop the summary for policymakers; design, layout, dissemination and outreach; and technical support (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 4).
 - (ii) Deliverable 1 (f): monitoring assessment. Amount budgeted: \$110,000, including the costs for design, layout, dissemination and outreach; and technical support (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 5).
 - (iii) Deliverable 1 (g): spatial planning assessment. Amount budgeted: \$271,250, corresponding to the costs for participation in the fourteenth session of the Plenary; design, layout, dissemination and outreach; and technical support (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 6).
 - (iv) Deliverable 1 (h): fast-track assessment. Amount budgeted: \$352,500, corresponding to the costs for first author meeting; and technical support (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 7).
- (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. Amount budgeted: \$498,500, following the same approach as for 2025 and 2026 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 8).
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:

- (i) Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data. Amount budgeted: \$356,000, following the same approach as for 2025 and 2026 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 9).
- (ii) Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems. Amount budgeted: \$301,000, following the same approach as for 2025 and 2026 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 10).
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies. Amount budgeted: \$160,000, following the same approach as for 2025 and 2026 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 11).
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$217,000, following the same approach as for 2025 and 2026 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 12).
- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication. Amount budgeted: \$280,000, following the same approach as for 2025 and 2026 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 13).
 - (ii) Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders. Amount budgeted: \$60,000, following the same approach as for 2025 and 2026 (IPBES/11/INF/12, table 13).

33. In addition to the implementation of the work programme, the provisional budget for 2027 includes the cost of meetings of the IPBES bodies, including the fourteenth session of the Plenary, tentatively scheduled for November 2027, and secretariat costs.

Table 8
Provisional budget for 2027
 (United States dollars)

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2027 provisional budget</i>
1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies	
1.1 Sessions of the Plenary	
Travel costs for participants in the fourteenth session of the Plenary (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	549 000
Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation)	850 000
Reporting services	68 000
Security and other costs	200 000
Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary	1 667 000
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	1 812 450
2. Implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030	
Objective 1: assessing knowledge	1 723 153
Deliverable 1 (e): second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	989 403
Deliverable 1 (f): a methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (monitoring assessment)	110 000
Deliverable 1 (g): a methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity (spatial planning assessment)	271 250
Deliverable 1 (h): fast-track assessment	352 500

<i>Budget items</i>	<i>2027 provisional budget</i>
Objective 2: building capacity	498 500
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	498 500
Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations	657 000
Objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data	356 000
Objective 3 (b): enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems	301 000
Objective 4: supporting policy	377 000
Objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies	160 000
Objective 4 (b): advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services	217 000
Objective 5: communicating and engaging	340 000
Objective 5 (a): strengthened communication	280 000
Objective 5 (c): strengthened engagement of stakeholders	60 000
Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme	3 595 663
3. Secretariat	
3.1 Secretariat personnel	3 572 807
3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel)	419 471
Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating)	3 992 277
Subtotal (1 + 2 + 3)	9 400 380
Programme support costs	752 030
Total	10 152 411

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

A. Overview of the cost of the Platform

34. The yearly costs for 2025, 2026 and 2027 are expected to amount to \$10.2 million, \$9.9 million and \$10.2 million, respectively. In previous years the following savings were achieved: \$2.1 million in 2018, \$3.3 million in 2019, \$3.4 million in 2020, \$1.7 million in 2021, \$2.3 million in 2022, \$2.0 million in 2023, and about \$2 million expected to be saved in 2024. Based on these savings, and disregarding the pandemic, average yearly savings between 2018 and 2023 amounted to about \$2 million. A conservative annual saving of \$1.3 million is used, as for previous years, in the estimation of funds to be raised in the following paragraphs.

B. Estimate of funds to be raised

35. The estimated cash balance as at 1 January 2024 was \$9.8 million, in accordance with the UNEP statement regarding cash available in the trust fund as at 31 December 2023. That balance is used in table 9 (on p. 21) to estimate the cumulative balance of available funds from 2024 to 2027.

36. Table 9 assumes estimated expenditures in 2024 amounting to \$8.1 million, an average yearly income of \$5.5 million and conservative yearly savings of \$1.3 million. With these assumptions, there would be a positive balance of \$0.7 million at the end of 2026, and a need to raise an additional \$2.6 million by 2027 to fully implement the work programme. The trust fund would be exhausted in 2027 unless larger savings can be achieved.

37. Current annual income averages about \$5.5 million. Assuming conservative yearly savings of \$1.3 million, IPBES' annual costs will average about \$8.8 million between 2025 and 2027. This implies that \$3.3 million -possibly less if greater savings are achieved- would need to be taken from savings on the trust fund every year, leading, as mentioned above, to an exhaustion of the trust fund in 2027. To achieve financial sustainability, income should increase quickly to a level as close as possible to annual costs.

Table 9

Total cash requirements for the Platform and estimated cumulative balance of available funds for the period 2024–2027

(Millions of United States dollars)

	2024		2025		2026		2027	
	Total cash requirement	Cumulative balance of available funds	Total cash requirement	Cumulative balance of available funds	Total cash requirement	Cumulative balance of available funds	Total cash requirement	Cumulative balance of available funds
Estimated cash balance as at 1 January of current year		+9.8		+7.2		+3.8		+0.7
Estimated income for current year:								
Income from contributions received and pledged for current year (see table 1)		+3.8		+2.3		0.0		0.0
Potential additional contributions from regular contributors (not yet pledged)		+1.7		+3.2		+5.5		+5.5
Estimated costs of IPBES	-8.1		-10.2		-9.9		-10.2	
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		+7.2		+3.8		+0.7		-2.6

VI. Fundraising strategy**A. Implementation of the fundraising strategy**

38. In paragraph 4 of decision IPBES-10/3, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to increase efforts to further encourage members to take on ownership of the Platform by contributing to the trust fund of the Platform, as well as through in-kind contributions, with a view to broadening the donor base. In response to the request in paragraph 4, the following actions have been undertaken.

(a) The Executive Secretary has continued her efforts since the tenth session of the Plenary to invite, 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 recently contributed to become a donor to the trust fund in 2023. The Executive Secretary offered, in these letters, follow-up calls to explain the work of IPBES and its financial needs. The Executive Secretary has also continued her efforts to invite IPBES members who have not yet contributed to the IPBES trust fund to become donors.

(b) The Executive Secretary has also continued her efforts to attract in-kind contributions to support, in particular, approved and costed activities of the work programme, with about \$1.7 million raised in 2023, resulting in savings to the trust fund, as shown in part 1 of table 3.

(c) In terms of contributions received from non-governmental sources, an amount of \$2.2 million was contributed by ten non-governmental donors between 2018 and 2024, as shown in part 2 of table 1. This included four contributions from existing donors in 2023, and three awards to IPBES: the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity received 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 non-governmental sources were accepted after completion of the due diligence process required by the UNEP Partnership Policy. Three pledges have so far been made by non-governmental sources in 2024, amounting to a total of \$0.6 million, including the pledge from the

Asahi Glass Foundation corresponding to the Blue Planet Prize awarded to IPBES in 2024, and two pledges from existing donors.

(d) The departure of the head of development has limited the secretariat's capacity to interact with existing donors and no prospective activities have been carried out, with no new donor identified since the tenth session of the Plenary as of September 2024. Recruitment of the position was completed in August 2024.

(e) The secretariat has continued to raise private-sector awareness regarding IPBES activities, including by disseminating, to companies from the private sector, the invitation to participate in the external review of the methodological assessment of business and biodiversity. It is expected that the release of the business and biodiversity assessment in 2025 will lead to increased interest by the private sector in the work of IPBES.

39. In paragraph 5 of decision IPBES-10/3, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to revisit the fundraising strategy, including recommendations to improve its impact, and to put forward recommendations for consideration by the Plenary at its eleventh session. The following activities are suggested to strengthen fundraising:

- (a) Regarding governmental contributions:
 - (i) Enhancing efforts targeting non-contributing members of IPBES, and public sector organizations;
 - (ii) Enhancing efforts to increase the membership of IPBES;
- (b) Regarding non-governmental contributions, including philanthropic foundations and private companies:
 - (i) Creating opportunities for meaningful engagement with existing donors (e.g., involvement in IPBES Stakeholder Day) to maintain existing donors on the long term, and to attract new ones;
 - (ii) Carrying out prospective activities to raise private sector awareness regarding IPBES activities to attract new donors;
- (c) Enhancing efforts to actively communicate the importance of the work of IPBES and its benefits to potential donors.

40. 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.

41. In response to paragraph 7 of decision IPBES-10/3, in which the Plenary invited those in a position to do so to support a secondee or Junior Professional Officer to enhance the work of the secretariat of the Platform, the secretariat has received two offers which have been accepted by the Bureau: one offer from the Government of France for the non-reimbursable loan of personnel services, for a programme officer under recruitment as of September 2024; and one offer from the Government of Germany for a Junior Professional Officer, expected to start in January 2025. Both posts are expected to support the implementation of the work programme as part of the secretariat in Bonn, and to, in particular, provide technical support to the preparation of the second global assessment, subject to its initiation by the Plenary at its eleventh session.

B Support to participation in IPBES activities

42. In paragraph 8, the Plenary urged those in a position to do so to provide funding to Indigenous Peoples and local communities and youth representatives to increase their participation in the full range of activities of the Platform; and, in paragraph 9, requested the secretariat to develop and review options for providing funding for the participation of IPLCs and youth in the full range of activities of the Platform to ensure that their thus far underrepresented perspective can be better included for consideration by the Plenary at its eleventh session.

43. Estimating the funds needed: In order to develop options for providing funding for the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and youth in the full range of activities of IPBES, the secretariat first estimated the funds required for IPLC and youth participants from

developed countries to participate in relevant activities planned for the intersessional period 2024-2025. Support for participants from developing countries in these activities will be provided by the IPBES trust fund and the respective resources are included in the regular budget for 2025.

(a) Members from Indigenous Peoples and local communities: In the upcoming intersessional period, relevant activities would include four Indigenous and local knowledge dialogue workshops for ongoing assessments. The total number of individuals needing support would be about 16, assuming the participation of four individuals from developed countries in each dialogue. The total yearly cost for one three-day trip per individual and per year would therefore amount to \$48,000 per year (\$3,000 per person). As the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge will not meet in person in the intersessional period 2024-2025, no resources are required to support the participation of members of the task force from developed countries in such meetings.

(b) Youth: In the upcoming intersessional period, relevant activities would include the fellowship programme and the youth workshop. The estimated number of young people from a developed country includes on average seven fellows per year; and five participants in the youth workshop. This corresponds to the following cost:

- (i) The annual cost per fellow, including one five-day trip to attend an author meeting (\$3,750) and one three-day trip to attend the fellows training workshop, amounts to \$6,750, and thus to \$47,250 for the seven fellows.
- (ii) The annual cost to attend the youth workshop corresponds to one three-day trip (\$3,000) per participant, and thus to \$15,000 per workshop.
- (iii) The total yearly cost to support the participation of young people in IPBES activities is thus estimated at \$62,250.

(c) The total estimated yearly cost for the participation of IPLCs and youth thus amounts to \$110,250.

44. *Options for providing funding:* In looking at options for providing funding, the secretariat noted footnote 1 of document IPBES/3/18, "Report of the Plenary of IPBES on the work of its third session", which states: "*The following issue was discussed by the contact group but not reported directly to the Plenary. The eligibility of the Platform trust fund for official development assistance had been discussed in the budget contact group. The contact group had considered that funds contributed to the trust fund constituted official development assistance by virtue of the trust fund being held and managed by UNEP. In support of further discussions on the matter at the fourth session of the Plenary, the group requested the secretariat to prepare an information document on how other platforms and multilateral environmental agreements provided support to ensure equitable geographical participation in their governance and programmatic processes. In the interim the secretariat would continue to apply the same approach used in the first year of implementation of the work programme. In addition, the representative of the European Union had requested that nationals or residents of European Union member States or experts nominated by European Union member States should not be provided with financial support from the Platform trust fund in future activities*". Therefore, the secretariat did not consider receiving funds for supporting developed country participants on the IPBES trust fund as an option. The following options are proposed for consideration by the Plenary:

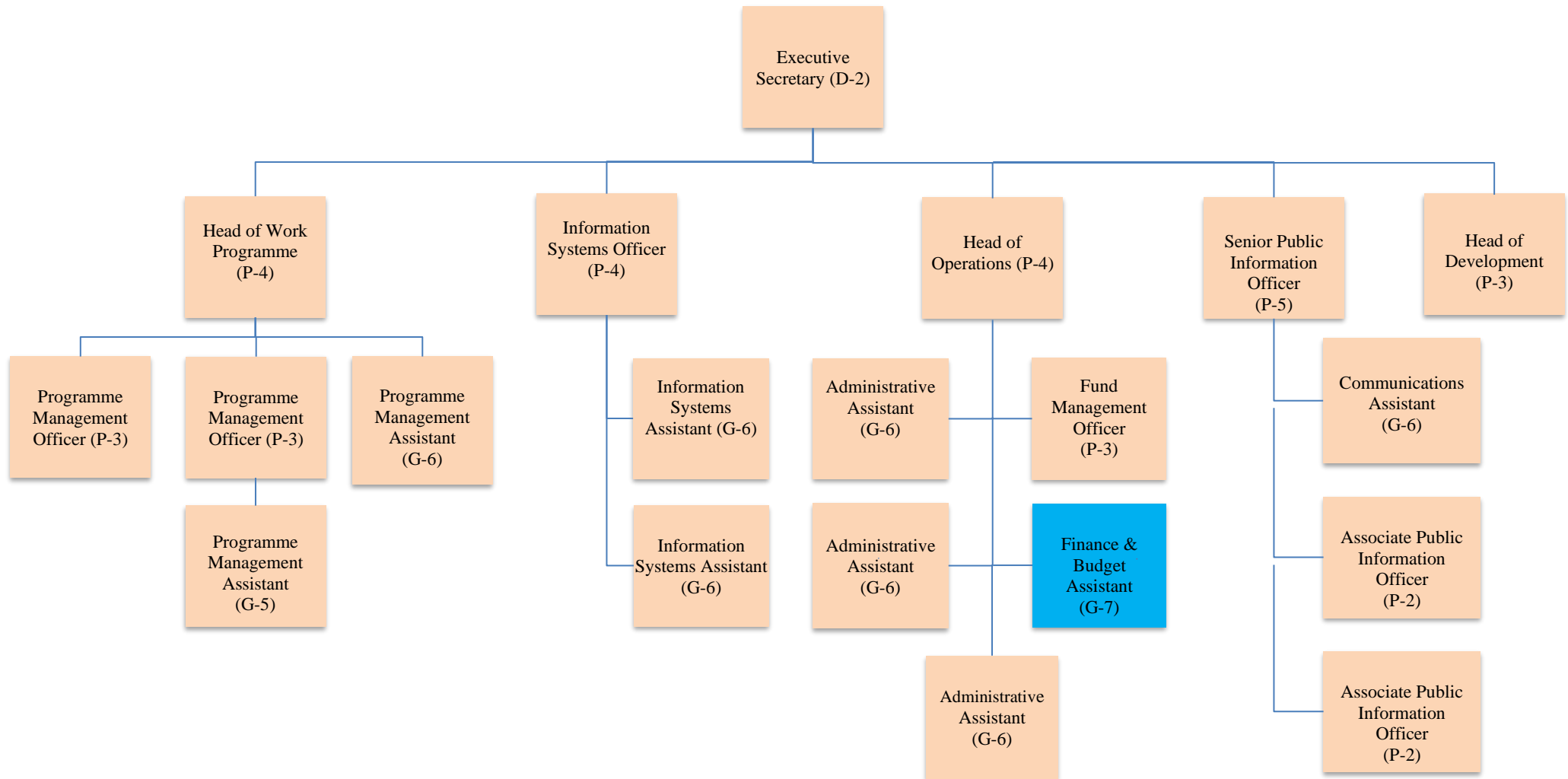
(a) Option 1 would consist in the secretariat to encourage governments to provide financial support for their respective youth or IPLCs nominees. The respective technical support unit (capacity-building or Indigenous and local knowledge) would inform the national focal point of the need for support;

(b) Option 2 would consist in the secretariat, together with the dedicated technical support unit, to seek funds more broadly, from sources other than the nominating government, by approaching governments or the private sector.

45. The funds, in either option, would not be received on the IPBES the trust fund. The individuals concerned could directly receive support from the donor. Alternatively, the funds could be received by the organizations hosting the technical support units for capacity-building and for Indigenous and local knowledge. A third alternative could be to set up a separate trust fund to receive the dedicated funds. This third alternative is not considered as a feasible option considering the complexity to set up and manage a second trust fund, and the relatively small amount of funds to be raised.

46. The support provided would be considered as an in-kind contribution to IPBES, and acknowledged in table 3 of the document on financial and budgetary arrangements for IPBES (see for example document IPBES/11/4, table 3), and listed on the IPBES website.

Organization chart for the IPBES secretariat^a



^a The blue colour corresponds to the proposed reclassification starting in 2025.