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**Building capacity, strengthening knowledge foundations and
supporting policy****Information on enhanced recognition of and work with
Indigenous and local knowledge systems****Note by the secretariat**

1. The Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), in section II of decision IPBES-2/5, established a task force on Indigenous and local knowledge systems for the period of its first work programme. In section III of decision IPBES-5/1, the Plenary approved the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge (hereinafter referred to as the IPBES approach to Indigenous and local knowledge) set out in annex II to that decision; requested the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, supported by the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge, to implement the approach; and requested the Executive Secretary to make the arrangements necessary to implement it, including arrangements for the establishment of the participatory mechanism, subject to the availability of resources. In the same decision, the Plenary invited Indigenous Peoples and local communities and their representatives, as well as experts on Indigenous and local knowledge, to engage in the activities described in the IPBES approach to Indigenous and local knowledge, in particular through the participatory mechanism, and invited Governments, stakeholders, strategic partners and others to support activities mobilizing Indigenous and local knowledge where such knowledge was needed.
2. At its seventh session, in decision IPBES-7/1, the Plenary adopted the rolling work programme of IPBES for the period up to 2030, which includes, among its six objectives, objective 3 (b), enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems. That objective focuses on implementing the approach to Indigenous and local knowledge, taking into account the special needs of Indigenous and local knowledge holders through the implementation of the participatory mechanism established under the approach, and the recommendations and findings set out in document IPBES/7/INF/8 and other relevant future IPBES processes.
3. In decision IPBES-7/1, the Plenary also recalled the establishment of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge systems and extended its mandate for the implementation of objective 3 (b) of the rolling work programme of IPBES up to 2030 in accordance with the revised terms of reference set out in annex II to that decision, and decided to review the mandate and terms of reference of the task force at its tenth session.
4. In decision IPBES-7/1, the Plenary requested the task force to develop specific deliverables for each of the priority topics of the rolling work programme up to 2030. In response, the task force

* IPBES/11/1.

prepared the following deliverables for objective 3 (b), which were welcomed by the Plenary in decision IPBES-9/1:

(a) Implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES;

(b) Strengthening of the implementation of the participatory mechanism.

5. The general terms of reference of the task forces, set out in annex II to decision IPBES-7/1, stipulate that each task force will, among other activities, provide a regular progress report and, in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau, develop and update a workplan that sets out clear milestones and deliverables with regard to the relevant topics and objectives of the rolling work programme up to 2030 for periodic consideration by the Plenary.

6. In decision IPBES 10/1, section VII, the Plenary extended the mandate of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge systems and approved revised terms of reference setting out its responsibilities, membership and modus operandi. The terms of reference, which are set out in annex XII to the decision, emphasize the role of the task force in guiding the implementation of the approach. In decision IPBES-10/1, the Plenary also welcomed the progress made by the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge in the implementation of objective 3 (b) of the work programme of IPBES up to 2030 and approved the workplan of the task force for the intersessional period 2023–2024.

7. The task force developed a workplan for the intersessional period 2024–2025, which is set out in document IPBES/11/9, for consideration by the Plenary at its eleventh session.

8. The annex to the present document contains a report on the implementation by the task force, supported by the technical support unit, of the workplan for the intersessional period 2023–2024 (sections I, II and III), including additional information on the workplan for the task force for the intersessional period 2024–2025 (section III and appendix), and draft workplans for the implementation of work programme objective 3 (b) for the intersessional periods 2025–2026 (section IV) and 2026–2027 (section V).

Annex***Information on work related to Indigenous and local knowledge****I. Membership of the task force**

1. A notification with the call for nominations for all IPBES task forces (EM/2023/37) was launched on 5 October 2023 with a deadline for nominations of 19 November 2023.
2. The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and Bureau finalized the selection of members of the task force on 1 February 2024. In line with the revised terms of reference for the task force approved in decision IPBES-10/1, members were selected from the pool of nominees, considering members of expert groups of ongoing IPBES assessments and other relevant task forces; representatives of Indigenous Peoples and local communities; representatives of qualified national, regional and international scientific organizations, centres of excellence and institutions, including experts on Indigenous and local knowledge, known for their work and expertise on issues related to the mandate of the task force; and recognized individual experts on matters related to the mandate of the task force. The term of office of the task force members extends until the thirteenth session of the IPBES Plenary.
3. The terms of reference for the task force, set out in Annex XII to decision IPBES-10/1, foresee that the task force is co-chaired by a member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel or the Bureau and a member of the task force. Following discussions at its meeting, held from 18 to 20 June 2024 in Paris, and during a subsequent online meeting on 19 September 2024, the task force decided that the co-chair position to be held by a member of the task force would rotate following intersessional periods, and that there would therefore be three consecutive co-chairs up to IPBES 13. The task force selected Guadalupe Yesenia Hernández Márquez as the first co-chair, to serve until IPBES 11.
4. The task force is currently composed of the following members:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Function</i>
Catherine Febria	Canada	Task force co-chair, Member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel
Guadalupe Yesenia Hernández Márquez	Mexico	Expert, Task force co-chair
Adriana Carolina Flores-Díaz	Mexico	Member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel
Wilfredo Alangui	The Philippines	Expert
Myrle Ballard	Canada	Expert
Jocelyn Cariño	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Expert
Q"Apaj Conde	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Expert
Binota Moy Dhamai	Bangladesh	Expert
Mariaelena Huambachano	Peru	Expert
Ethel Chisomo Kamba Chikoti	Malawi	Expert
Paulina Karim	Russian Federation	Expert
Pius Loupa	Uganda	Expert
Kanembwa Mukoma	Zambia	Expert
Nicholas Roskruge	New Zealand	Expert
John Scott	Australia	Expert
Nataliya Stryamets	Ukraine	Expert
Kyle Whyte	United States of America	Expert

5. The technical support unit on Indigenous and local knowledge hosted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, which had provided technical support to the task force during its first work programme and during the 2030 rolling work programme from 2019 to 2023, was selected by the Bureau to also provide technical support to the task force

* The annex has not been formally edited.

under the 2030 rolling work programme until six months following the thirteenth session of the Plenary.

II. Meetings of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge

6. A meeting of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge was held from 18 to 20 June 2024 in Paris. During the meeting, the task force discussed methodological issues, the scoping of the second global assessment, plans to support the business and biodiversity assessment, plans for the monitoring assessment and the spatial planning and connectivity assessment, work on scenarios, and links to other relevant processes. The task force also discussed and prepared draft workplans for future intersessional periods.

7. At the task force meeting, sub-groups were established to advance the different activities in the task force workplan. The sub-groups convened regularly in online meetings and worked by email.

III. Report on progress in the implementation of objective 3 (b): Enhanced recognition of and work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems

8. The following subsections provide a report on the implementation of the workplan for the intersessional period 2023–2024.

A. Implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge

9. Activities of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge, supported by the technical support unit on the same topic, for the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES included:

(a) Support for the selection of assessment expert groups: The calls for nomination of experts and fellows for the monitoring assessment and spatial planning and connectivity assessment were distributed through relevant networks to encourage applications from Indigenous and local knowledge experts and experts on Indigenous and local knowledge;

(b) Support for Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups¹ for assessments in preparation:

- (i) Capacity-building and methodological guidance were provided to the Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups for the nexus, transformative change, business and biodiversity and monitoring assessments; online meetings were organized, as well as in-person meetings, during the author meetings;
- (ii) Continued support was provided to Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups to assist them in using multiple types of evidence relating to Indigenous and local knowledge and in identifying and addressing gaps in the mobilization of existing Indigenous and local knowledge, including through dialogue workshops (see below), group online meetings and ad hoc assistance;
- (iii) Support was provided to the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in the scoping process for the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, including during the scoping meeting held in Monaco from 8 to 10 April 2024, and by organizing a dialogue workshop during the external review of the scoping report (see below);

(c) Dialogue workshops with experts on Indigenous and local knowledge and members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities were organized as follows:

- (i) An in-person dialogue workshop in the context of the second external review of the nexus assessment was organized in Montreal, Canada, from 28 to 30 November 2023, including a visit to the nearby community of Kahnawà:ke. Comments were drafted, shared with participants and submitted into the

¹ An Indigenous and local knowledge liaison group is a group of assessment experts from across an assessment's chapters, who are tasked with working with Indigenous and local knowledge in their chapter and with ensuring coherent narratives and approaches throughout the assessment report.

external review process. A report was also developed and is available online as a citeable resource for the assessment and others interested in the subject;

- (ii) An in-person dialogue workshop in the context of the second external review of the transformative change assessment was organized in Agadir, Morocco from 13 to 15 December 2023, including a visit to nearby biosphere reserves, communities and Argan oil cooperatives. Comments were drafted, shared with participants and submitted into the external review process. A report was also developed and is available online as a citeable resource for the assessment and others interested in the subject;
- (iii) Two in-person dialogue workshops were organized for the business and biodiversity assessment:
 - a. A first dialogue for developing key Indigenous and local knowledge questions and concepts, in Bogota, Colombia from 23 to 24 September 2023. A report was developed and is available online as a citeable resource for the assessment and others interested in the subject;
 - b. A second dialogue workshop in the context of the external review of the assessment, at a San-owned cultural centre near Cape Town, South Africa, from 31 July to 2 August 2024. Comments were drafted, shared with participants and submitted into the external review process. A report is also in development and will be available online as a citeable resource for the assessment and others interested in the subject;
- (iv) An online dialogue workshop (two sessions to cover different time zones) was organized in the context of the external review of the draft scoping report of the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, on 5 June 2024. Comments were drafted, shared with participants and submitted into the external review process. A report is also in development and will be available online as a citeable resource for the assessment and others interested in the subject;
- (v) An in-person dialogue workshop was organized for developing key Indigenous and local knowledge questions and concepts for the monitoring assessment from 30 November to 1 December 2024. A report is being developed and will be available online as a citeable resource for the assessment and others interested in the subject;
- (vi) All completed dialogue workshop reports are available online at: <https://www.ipbes.net/ilk-dialogue-reports>.

(d) Collaboration with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in the development of Indigenous and local knowledge conceptual and methodological approaches to orient how to work with Indigenous and local knowledge systems, which will be annexed to the scoping report of any new IPBES assessment, and provision of support for their integration: The task force discussed this request at its in-person meeting and noted that the approach and methodological guidance provide an existing framework, and that the importance of Indigenous and local knowledge is well recognized in the scoping report. The task force developed a brief annex to the second global assessment's scoping report (see document IPBES/11/7). The task force also included a workshop on Indigenous and local knowledge methodologies in the proposed workplan for 2025, also in order to further support the implementation of the approach and methodological guidance (see appendix and document IPBES/11/9).

- (e) Peer review of draft assessment reports:
 - (i) The task force participated in the second external review of the nexus and transformative change assessments, the external review of the business and biodiversity assessment and the external review of the draft scoping report of the second global assessment;
 - (ii) The invitations to participate in the external reviews listed under (i) were shared through relevant networks;
 - (iii) In collaboration with the capacity-building task force, support regarding content related to Indigenous and local knowledge was provided to the

dialogue workshops for national focal points and stakeholders that were held during the reviews listed under (i);

(f) Call for contributions: A call for contributions for the monitoring assessment and spatial planning and connectivity assessment, was released in the third quarter of 2024. Contributions will be collated, stored in Zotero with relevant metadata, and synthesized for use in the assessments and to identify participants in the dialogue workshops on Indigenous and local knowledge related to these assessments;

(g) Post-assessment activities:

- (i) Materials of relevance to Indigenous Peoples and local communities were collated from the Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species and their Control. This collation is available here: <https://www.ipbes.net/ilk-messages-from-assessments>. The collation has been distributed through IPBES networks and communications channels;
- (ii) An online webinar was held on 29 May 2024 to present the materials referred to under (i), that included presentations by assessment authors and a discussion among panellists from Indigenous Peoples and local communities. A recording of this webinar is now available online as a permanent resource in English, French and Spanish at: <https://www.ipbes.net/ilk-webinars>;
- (iii) Support was provided for the development of materials from completed assessments by other organizations and institutions, and for related uptake and outreach activities by other organizations and institutions, in collaboration with the technical support units on capacity-building and on policy tools and methodologies. Supported activities include:
 - a. BES-Net developed two posters on Indigenous and local knowledge in the Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species and their Control;
 - b. Under the umbrella of BES-Net, UNESCO launched an Indigenous-led study in 2024 to document Indigenous customary governance practices and knowledge related to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in Colombia. Implemented within the Sanctuary of Medicinal Plants *Flora Orito Ingi Ande* in the Putumayo and Nariño departments, this project supports the uptake of the Colombian National Ecosystem Assessment and the IPBES Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species with the goal of strengthening customary governance for enhanced sustainable use of natural resources;
 - c. UNESCO is working with the members of the Kenya National Dialogue to pilot an Indigenous and local knowledge model case study for pollinator conservation and sustainable land management, guided and inspired by the key messages from the IPBES Thematic Assessment Reports on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production, and on Land Degradation and Restoration. In 2024, three products were published focusing on a case study from the Eburu Ogiek Indigenous Peoples in Eburu, Kenya: a documentary on land conservation practices based on Indigenous and local knowledge,² a documentary showcasing local pollinator conservation practices,³ and a photo booklet showcasing in pictorial form knowledge and practices for pollinator conservation and soil and land management practices;⁴

(h) Provision of support for the work of other task forces regarding aspects related to Indigenous and local knowledge: The task force and technical support unit collaborated with the scenarios and models task force and technical support unit to plan for a dialogue workshop on Indigenous and local knowledge and scenarios and models to be organized in 2025 (for details see document IPBES/11/INF/18). A call for the nomination of participants for the workshop was launched in the third quarter of 2024;

² Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H0ANGHH8k4>

³ Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT5o1uLh--s&t=1s>

⁴ Available at: <https://www.besnet.world/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/KNT-Photo-essay-V3.pdf>

(i) Further development of the methodological guidance on the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES: The task force decided to propose, as part of the workplan for the next intersessional period (see document IPBES/11/9), to organize a workshop in 2025 on enhancing IPBES methods for working with Indigenous and local knowledge, with a focus on enhancing support for and participation of authors who are members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities. The workshop would be expected to support increased participation by authors from Indigenous Peoples and local communities in future IPBES assessments, specifically the second global assessment. Participants will include members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities who have previously been authors in IPBES assessments, as well as others with experience working at the interface of science and Indigenous and local knowledge, as well as specialists in Indigenous methodologies. A concept note for the workshop is set out in the appendix;

(j) Extension of the review of the inclusion of Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES to include the Invasive Alien Species assessment: The task force built on the review conducted during the last intersessional period (see IPBES/10/INF/10), using similar methods to also review the Invasive Alien Species Assessment, including a brief review of methods, a count of sentences in the summary for policymakers that focus on Indigenous and local knowledge or Indigenous Peoples and local communities to provide an overall indication of attention to Indigenous and local knowledge in the assessment, and a survey sent to the authors of the assessment. The full review results will be available on the IPBES website.⁵ Results include:

- (i) The full range of methods used for the Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species and the Assessment Report on Values and Valuation of Nature were also implemented for the Invasive Alien Species assessment;
- (ii) In the summary for policymakers there were 34 sentences that focus on Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and 15 sentences that refer to Indigenous Peoples and local communities among other stakeholders, covering issues including perceptions of invasive alien species, and the importance of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and their knowledge in understanding and managing invasive alien species. It is notable that many other parts of the summary for policymakers are also relevant to Indigenous Peoples and local communities, even where they are not specifically mentioned;
- (iii) Author perceptions and experiences with methods for working with Indigenous and local knowledge were more mixed than for previous assessments, most likely reflecting the fact that most dialogue workshops took place online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the author groups were more weighted towards natural sciences than the author groups in the Global, Values and Sustainable Use Assessments, with few experts on Indigenous and local knowledge in most chapters.

B. Strengthening of the implementation of the participatory mechanism

10. Activities of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge, supported by the technical support unit on the same topic, on the activities to strengthen the implementation of the participatory mechanism included the following:

(a) The task force provided continued support to the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in the implementation of the participatory mechanism, including through a range of participatory activities as described above and in the following paragraphs;

(b) The task force and technical support unit continued their engagement and capacity-building with Indigenous Peoples and local communities through, among other activities, work with participants of the dialogue workshops, calls for contributions, and the organization of webinars and other activities as described in section A above;

(c) Outreach to Indigenous Peoples and local communities included the webinar on messages from the Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species (see paragraph 8 (g) (ii) above), and engagement in the preparations of Indigenous Peoples and local communities for the sixteenth meeting

⁵ <https://www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/2023-06/Review%20of%20Indigenous%20and%20local%20knowledge%20in%20IPBES.pdf>.

of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Cali, Colombia in October 2024, for items that relate to completed IPBES assessments;

(d) The IPBES website's pages on Indigenous and local knowledge were further improved and are available at <https://www.ipbes.net/indigenous-local-knowledge>;

(e) The communications and engagement strategy for strategic partners and collaborative supporters was further developed, including:

(i) Enhanced support for, engagement with and communication to the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IIFBES), including through technical support for web pages and a registration system, available at <https://www.ipbes.net/IIFBES>;

(ii) A further expansion of the roster of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and their organizations, drawing on the calls for contributions;

(f) The participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and experts on Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES processes was continuously monitored.

C. Development of indicators for effective implementation of the workplan

11. As part of the implementation of its 2023–2024 workplan, the task force discussed and developed a set of indicators for measuring the effectiveness of the implementation of the workplans. These are included in document IPBES/11/9 for consideration by the Plenary.

IV. Draft workplan for the intersessional period 2025–2026 (for information)

12. The task force on Indigenous and local knowledge will oversee and take part in the implementation of the following workplan for objective 3 (b), supported by the technical support unit for Indigenous and local knowledge.

13. The task force will undertake activities to ensure effective implementation of the workplan, including continuing the monitoring of a set of relevant indicators for measuring effectiveness.

14. Activities for the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES will include:

(a) Online meeting of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge (first quarter 2026)

(b) Support for Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups for assessments:

(i) Dissemination of calls for nominations for a new fast track assessment⁶ and support for gap filling, where needed (fourth quarter 2026);

(ii) Provision of capacity-building and training on recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge to the Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups for monitoring, spatial planning and connectivity and the second global assessment,⁷ in collaboration with the task force on capacity-building;

(iii) Provision of ongoing support to Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups in using multiple types of evidence on Indigenous and local knowledge and in identifying gaps relating to Indigenous and local knowledge;

(c) Dialogue workshops with experts on Indigenous and local knowledge and members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities:

(i) In-person, hybrid or online dialogue workshop for the first external review of the second global assessment⁸ (third quarter of 2026);

(ii) In-person, hybrid or online dialogue workshop for the external review of the assessment of spatial planning (third quarter of 2026);

⁶ Subject to the initiation of the assessment by the Plenary.

⁷ Subject to the initiation of the assessment by the Plenary.

⁸ Subject to the initiation of the assessment by the Plenary.

- (d) Peer review of assessment reports:
 - (i) Peer review by the task force of drafts the second global assessment and the assessment of spatial planning, during their external review;
 - (ii) Dissemination of the invitation to review through relevant networks, partly with the aim of mobilizing additional relevant Indigenous and local knowledge;
 - (iii) Provision of support regarding Indigenous and local knowledge-related content for the dialogue workshops for national focal points and stakeholders held during the relevant external review periods by the task force on capacity-building;
 - (e) Post-assessment activities, undertaken in close coordination with activities under capacity-building, knowledge generation catalysis and policy support:
 - (i) Collation and dissemination of materials of relevance to Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the business and biodiversity assessment report, in all six official United Nations languages, including their dissemination to national and regional platforms on biodiversity and ecosystem services and to Indigenous Peoples and local communities;
 - (ii) Webinar to communicate the key messages of relevance to Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the business and biodiversity assessment to a broad audience, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities;
 - (iii) Provision of support for the development of materials from completed IPBES assessments by other organizations and institutions, and for related uptake and outreach activities by other organizations and institutions;
 - (iv) Support to the communication of Indigenous and local knowledge mobilization gaps identified in completed IPBES assessments;
 - (f) Provision of support for the work of other task forces regarding aspects related to Indigenous and local knowledge;
 - (g) Further development of the methodological guidance on the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES, based on experience from completed and ongoing assessments and the activities described in this workplan, with a focus on enhancing the dialogue within IPBES between Indigenous and local knowledge systems and science.
 - (h) Continuation of the review of the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES, to include the business and biodiversity assessment;
15. Activities for strengthening the implementation of the participatory mechanism will include:
- (a) Continued collaboration between the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge in the implementation of the participatory mechanism, including consideration of the results of the review of the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES, carried out in the previous intersessional period;
 - (b) Engagement with and capacity-building for Indigenous Peoples and local communities through seminars and side events at relevant meetings, both online and in-person, in order to inform Indigenous Peoples and local communities about the work of IPBES and opportunities to participate, enhance the benefits they receive from that work, and stimulate discussion and contributions of Indigenous and local knowledge;
 - (c) Further development of the Indigenous and local knowledge section of the IPBES website, for improved usability and display of information.

V. Draft workplan for the intersessional period 2026–2027 (for information)

16. The task force on Indigenous and local knowledge will oversee and take part in the implementation of the following workplan for objective 3 (b), supported by the technical support unit for Indigenous and local knowledge.

17. The task force will undertake activities to ensure effective implementation of the workplan, including continuing the monitoring of a set of relevant indicators for measuring effectiveness.
18. Activities for the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES will include:
- (a) Online meeting of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge (first quarter 2027)
 - (b) Support for Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups for assessments:
 - (i) Provision of capacity-building and training on recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge to the Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups for the spatial planning and connectivity assessment, second global assessment and any new fast track assessment,⁹ in collaboration with the task force on capacity-building;
 - (ii) Provision of ongoing support to Indigenous and local knowledge liaison groups in using multiple types of evidence on Indigenous and local knowledge and in identifying gaps relating to Indigenous and local knowledge;
 - (c) Dialogue workshops with experts on Indigenous and local knowledge and members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities:
 - (i) In-person, hybrid or online dialogue workshop for the second external review of the second global assessment¹⁰ (second quarter of 2027);
 - (ii) In-person, hybrid or online dialogue workshop for developing key Indigenous and local knowledge questions for a new fast track assessment¹¹ (third quarter of 2027);
 - (d) Peer review of assessment reports:
 - (i) Peer review by the task force of drafts the second global assessment¹² during its second external review;
 - (ii) Dissemination of the invitation to review through relevant networks, partly with the aim of mobilizing additional relevant Indigenous and local knowledge;
 - (iii) Provision of support regarding Indigenous and local knowledge-related content for the dialogue workshops for national focal points and stakeholders held during the relevant external review periods by the task force on capacity-building.
 - (e) Call for contributions for the new fast track assessment¹³ (second quarter of 2027)
 - (f) Post-assessment activities, undertaken in close coordination with activities under capacity-building, knowledge generation catalysis and policy support:
 - (i) Collation and dissemination of materials of relevance to Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the monitoring assessment report, in all six official United Nations languages, including their dissemination to national and regional platforms on biodiversity and ecosystem services and to Indigenous Peoples and local communities;
 - (ii) A webinar to communicate the key messages of relevance to Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the monitoring assessment to a broad audience, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities;
 - (iii) Provision of support for the development of materials from completed IPBES assessments by other organizations and institutions, and for related uptake and outreach activities by other organizations and institutions;
 - (iv) Support to communication of Indigenous and local knowledge mobilization gaps identified in completed IPBES assessments;

⁹ Subject to the initiation of the assessment by the Plenary.

¹⁰ Subject to the initiation of the assessment by the Plenary.

¹¹ Subject to the initiation of the assessment by the Plenary.

¹² Subject to the initiation of the assessment by the Plenary.

¹³ Subject to the initiation of the assessment by the Plenary.

(g) Provision of support for the work of other task forces regarding aspects related to Indigenous and local knowledge;

(h) Further development of the methodological guidance on the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES, based on experience from completed and ongoing assessments and the activities described in this workplan, with a focus on enhancing the dialogue within IPBES between Indigenous and local knowledge systems and science.

(i) Continuation of the review of the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES, to include the monitoring assessment;

19. Activities for strengthening the implementation of the participatory mechanism will include:

(a) Continued collaboration with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel on the implementation of the participatory mechanism, consideration of the results of the review of the implementation of the approach to recognizing and working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES, carried out in the previous intersessional period;

(b) Engagement with and capacity-building for Indigenous Peoples and local communities through seminars and side events at relevant meetings, both online and in-person, in order to inform Indigenous Peoples and local communities about the work of IPBES and opportunities to participate, enhance the benefits they receive from that work, and stimulate discussion and contributions of Indigenous and local knowledge;

(c) Further development of the Indigenous and local knowledge section of the IPBES website, for improved usability and display of information;

Appendix

Workshop on enhancing methods for working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES

Concept

Background

1. The task force on Indigenous and local knowledge proposes, as part of its workplan for the intersessional period 2024–2025, to organize a workshop, to be held in 2025, on further enhancing methods for working with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES, with a focus on facilitating the participation of Indigenous and local knowledge experts¹ who are members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in IPBES assessments, and on enhancing the implementation of the different methods and the participatory mechanism for engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities in assessment processes.

2. This workshop is intended to facilitate the participation of Indigenous and local knowledge experts who are members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in IPBES assessments, in response to the findings of the Review of Indigenous and Local Knowledge in IPBES that was completed in 2023. Thereby, the workshop would also support the increased participation of Indigenous and local knowledge experts from Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the future work of IPBES, in addition to the full range of methods used by IPBES to engage Indigenous Peoples and local communities in different ways in assessment processes.

Objectives

(a) To explore the methodologies through which Indigenous and local knowledge is currently included in assessments, to build on the review of Indigenous and local knowledge that was completed in 2023 and extended in 2024;

(b) To explore methodologies to further enhance the ways that Indigenous and local knowledge can be reflected in IPBES assessments;

(c) To explore approaches to enhance the implementation of the participatory mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Outcomes

(a) A report to Plenary that includes options for further enhancing work with Indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES assessments and the implementation of the participatory mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Date

3. The second quarter of 2025.

Location/venue

4. A location will be identified, with attention to the availability of venues with needed facilities, appropriate accommodation, accessibility, and proximity to Indigenous and local communities. The aim will be to at least partly base some of the activities within a community setting.

Participants

5. The workshop is anticipated to have around 25 to 30 participants. This will include members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities who have previously been authors in IPBES assessments. The remaining slots will be given to members of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and other experts who are specialists in Indigenous methodologies or working at the interface of science and Indigenous and local knowledge. The participants who had not previously been selected as IPBES assessment authors will be selected, with attention to regional and gender

¹ Annex II to decision IPBES-5/1: Approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge in IPBES

balances, through an open call for nominations of participants, who can seek nomination by Governments and relevant organizations. The management committee of the task force on Indigenous and local knowledge will review the nominations and provide a proposed list of participants to the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel for their endorsement. The group of participants will include both supported and self-financed participants.
