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Review of the Platform**Review of the Platform: information on the selection of the
review panel and an external professional organization****Note by the secretariat**

1. In decision IPBES-5/2, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) requested the Executive Secretary to call for the nomination of candidates for the review panel, with a view to ensuring regional representation, and to conduct a competitive bidding process for an external professional organization to coordinate the review with a view to initiation of the work of the organization by the beginning of 2018, subject to the availability of financial resources.
2. On 6 November 2017, the Executive Secretary issued two notifications, calling, by 2 January 2018, for nominations for members of the review panel and for expressions of interest from professional organizations to coordinate the external element of the IPBES review. The call had been developed by the Bureau working with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel based on the terms of reference for the review of the Platform at the end of its first work programme, set out in the annex to decision IPBES-5/2. On 11 January 2018, the call for nominations for members of the review panel was extended to 2 February 2018.
3. According to the terms of reference, the review panel will comprise no more than 10 reviewers with a balanced composition of government representatives, scientists and representatives of non-governmental organizations. The members of the panel will be selected, in response to the call, by the Bureau in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, guided by the following criteria, as set out in paragraph 9 of the terms of reference:
 - (a) Relevant qualifications of the organization and the reviewers to conduct institutional reviews at the global level;
 - (b) Demonstrated track record of the organization and the reviewers in working with science-policy interfaces and in understanding the roles and functions of a global environmental assessment process in general and of IPBES in particular.
4. The Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel will also select, guided by those criteria, an external professional organization in response to the call. The secretariat working with the Bureau will review the proposals and if no proposals meet the criteria or fall within the financial resources available, the Bureau may choose to hire an administrative officer located outside of the secretariat to coordinate the review.

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5. The Bureau, at its tenth meeting (October 2017), decided that the trust fund would not be used for any expenditure relating to the external review, pending the further consideration by the Plenary of the revised budget for 2018 that it approved at its fifth session.
6. The secretariat received 23 nominations for members of the review panel, and 18 expressions of interest from external professional organizations to coordinate the review, which are set out in the annex to the present note. The Bureau, in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, decided to have an initial exchange of views by email on that information and to finalize the selection during the sixth session of the Plenary.
7. The annex to the present note, which has not been formally edited, presents the applications received for the members of the review panel, and for the external professional organization.

Annex

Review of the Platform: information on the selection of the review panel and an external professional organization

1. The secretariat received 23 nominations for members of the review panel, which are set out in table 1, comprising 16 nominations from governments, including 5 from Africa, 2 from Asia Pacific, 2 from Latin America and Caribbean, and 7 from Western Europe and Others Group, and 7 nominations from organizations.

2. The secretariat received expressions of interest to coordinate the external part of the review from 18 organizations, which are set out in table 2.

Table 1

Individuals nominated for members of the review panel

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Link to curriculum vitae</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>
			Governments
1	Randriamahaleo Sahoby Ivy	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cv_randriamahaleo_sahoby_janv_2018__1.pdf	Madagascar
2	Nicholas King	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/nkingcv-_jan_2018.docx	South Africa
3	Malta Qwathekana	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/maltas_updated_curriculum_vitae_2018_0.pdf	South Africa
4	Fatima Ali	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/fatima_ali_cv_2018_v4doc_0.pdf	Sudan
5	Thameur Chaibi	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cv_chaibi_m_oct_2017__0.pdf	Tunisia
6	Nirmal Harsh	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cv_of_dr_harsh.docx	India
7	Ryo Kohsaka	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cv_kohsaka_long.doc	Japan
8	Ana María Hernández Salgar	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cv_ana_maria_hernandez_salgar_january_2018.pdf	Colombia
9	Marina Rosales	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/resume_curriculum_vitae.pdf	Peru
10	Peter Bridgewater	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/bridgewater_short_cv_2018.pdf	Australia
11	Philippe Le Prestre	https://www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cv-le_prestre_fr-for_ipbes.doc	Canada
12	Emmanuelle Quillérou	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/quillerou_english_2017_11_eng-msc-phd_ipbes.pdf	France
13	Selim Louafi	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/louafi_cv_eng_2017.pdf	France
14	Jacques Moreau	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cvmoreau_environnement_et_bio_diversite.doc	France
15	Giorgio Mancinelli	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/curriculum_english_jan2018_2.pdf	Italy
16	Doug Beard	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/doug_beard_cv_oct_2017.doc	United States of America
			Organizations
17	Mahmoud Ali	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/curriculum_vita1.pdf	Desert Research Center
18	Kalpana Chaudhari	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/klc-cv-.pdf	Institute for sustainable development and research India (ISDR)
19	Karen Jenderedjian	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cv_jenderedjian_karen_en_2017-12-03_0.pdf	National Academy of Sciences of Armenia
20	André Francisco Pilon	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/abridged_curriculum_vitae_copy_0.pdf	International Academy of Science Health & Ecology
21	Albert S Van Jaarsveld	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/cv_avjbrief.doc	International Council for Science (ICSU)
22	Mehdi Yazdani	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/yazdani_cv_2016_0_0.pdf	Shahid Beheshti University
23	Kalemani Joseph Mulongoy	www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/jo_mulongoy_cv_jan_2017_0.pdf	University of Ghana

Table 2
Professional organizations having expressed interest in coordinating the external review of IPBES

	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Website</i>	<i>Headquarters</i>
1	Asian Institute of Technology	www.ait.ac.th/	Thailand
2	Institute for sustainable development and research India (ISDR)		India
3	Institute of Nature Territory and Renewable Energy Sciences (INTE)	http://inte.pucp.edu.pe/	Peru
4	International Council for Science (ICSU)	https://icsu.org/	France
5	International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT)	www.iubat.edu/	Bangladesh
6	Iraq Ministry of Agriculture		Iraq
7	JNCC Support Co	http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/	United Kingdom
8	Khazar University	www.khazar.org/	Azerbaijan
9	Mauritius Institute of Education	www.mie.ac.mu/	Mauritius
10	Ministry of Environment, Cambodia	www.moe.gov.kh/	Cambodia
11	OASIS		Serbia
12	Planete Publique	www.planetepublique.fr/	France
13	Sandra Kruger and Associates	www.skaa.co.za/	South Africa
14	The Institute for Natural Resources		India
15	United Nations Environment Programme	www.unenvironment.org/	Kenya
16	Venus Consult and Training		Uganda
17	World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific	www.whitr-ap.org	China
18	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	www.worldwildlife.org/	Switzerland