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Meetings held at UNESCO, Paris, 24-28 September 2018

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I. Venue

UNESCO Headquarters

7 place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris, France

II. Objectives

A. Sixth meeting of the task force on capacity-building

1. The task force on capacity-building has been mandated to support IPBES' work on capacity-building through supporting the achievement of two deliverables of the first work programme: deliverable 1 (a): priority capacity-building-needs to implement the Platform’s work programme matched with resources through catalysing financial and in-kind support, and deliverable 1 (b): capacities needed to implement the Platform’s work programme developed.

2. The sixth meeting of the task force on capacity-building will take place on 24 September and the objectives of the meeting are to:

   (a) Further develop IPBES capacity-building activities for continued implementation of the rolling plan in the intersessional period 2018-2019; and

   (b) Discuss the term of reference of the task force on capacity-building and review the activities of the task force to support further development of the IPBES capacity-building function under the strategic framework for the future work programme of IPBES.
3. A draft agenda and background information for the meeting can be found in addendum 1.

B. **Indigenous and local community consultation on the IPBES participatory mechanism**

4. IPBES is working on establishing a participatory mechanism for indigenous and local knowledge systems under the platform aimed at facilitating linkages between indigenous and local communities and scientists and to strengthen the quality of indigenous peoples’ participation in the development of IPBES deliverables.

5. To support further development of the participatory mechanism, the indigenous and local community consultation on the participatory mechanism aims to:

   (a) Provide an opportunity for indigenous peoples to discuss the engagement of indigenous and local communities in all areas of IPBES work, particularly through the participatory mechanism. Areas of discussion could include the assessment cycle, capacity-building, knowledge and data, and policy processes;

   (b) Review the current state of the participation of indigenous and local communities and the inclusion of indigenous and local knowledge in all areas of IPBES work, to identify successes, lessons learnt, and gaps; and

   (c) Provide a series of recommendations for the further development of the participatory mechanism, to be taken forward to the forum on capacity building (26 September) and the 7th meeting of the task force on indigenous and local knowledge (27 and 28 September). These recommendations will also be used for further dialogue with the IPBES secretariat and IPBES governing bodies.

6. The consultation will take place on 24-25 September and a draft agenda and background information for the meeting can be found in addendum 2.

C. **Third IPBES capacity-building forum**

7. The IPBES capacity-building forum is a key vehicle for increasing engagement and facilitating cooperation with institutions that fund, undertake or contribute to relevant capacity building activities. As requested by the Plenary, a first meeting of the IPBES capacity-building forum was held in 2015, in Dehradun, India, and a second meeting of the forum was held in 2016 in New York, USA. The experiences and lessons learnt from the two meetings have fed into the development of the IPBES capacity-building rolling plan.

8. The capacity-building task force is organising a third forum to further enhance collaboration with other organizations in the implementation of the rolling plan, as requested by the Plenary in decision IPBES-6/1, section II. The forum will take place on 25-26 September 2018. A draft agenda and background information for the meeting can be found in addendum 3.

9. The forum aims to achieve the following outcomes:

   (a) Share experiences and examples of ways to contribute to the implementation of the rolling plan and ways to acknowledge contributions received;

   (b) Identification of specific opportunities for collaboration for the following cross-cutting areas under the rolling plan:

   (i) Uptake of IPBES assessments;

   (ii) National and (sub-)regional science-policy platforms; and

   (iii) Learning materials on IPBES guides and assessments.

   (c) Identify opportunities for collaboration on indigenous and local knowledge for the above-mentioned cross-cutting areas; and

   (d) Advise on the further development of capacity-building in the future IPBES work programme.
D. **Working groups on cross-cutting capacity-building areas**

10. The forum will be followed by a one-day meeting (27 September) to further develop the collaborative efforts on the three above-mentioned cross-cutting areas under the capacity-building rolling plan, with integral focus on indigenous and local knowledge and the participation of indigenous and local communities. The aim of this working groups meeting is to identify and prioritise capacity-building activities and make concrete plan for how to advance towards achieving the objectives of the different areas.

11. A draft agenda and background information for the meeting can be found in addendum 4.

E. **Seventh meeting of the task force on indigenous and local knowledge**

12. IPBES aims to promote effective engagement with indigenous and local knowledge holders in all relevant aspects of its work. This work is supported by the task force on indigenous and local knowledge and outlined in IPBES' first work programme deliverable 1 (c): Procedures, approaches and participatory processes for working with indigenous and local knowledge systems.

13. The seventh meeting of the task force on indigenous and local knowledge will take place on 27-28 September with the following three objectives:

   (a) To give a brief overview of the mandate of the task force on indigenous and local knowledge, processes and achievements so far, with a focus on those approved by the Plenary

   (b) To examine the different stages of the assessment cycle and post assessment processes, and broader areas of IPBES work, with the aim of:

      (i) Assessing how indigenous and local knowledge has been included so far in IPBES’s assessments and policy support work, and any challenges encountered, particularly in terms of knowledge co-production and access, modes of knowledge integration, representation/engagements and capacity.

      (ii) Exploring the participatory mechanism: what was the Plenary decision, what is working well, what could be improved, where are the gaps? How can broader networks and strategic partners support these efforts?

      (iii) Providing additional methodological guidance for the assessment cycle, which will complement and support the indigenous and local knowledge approach and specifically will support the three upcoming assessments, by looking at lessons learnt from past assessments.

      (iv) Exploring how work on indigenous and local knowledge can be enhanced across all domains of IPBES, in addition to assessments, by strengthening partnerships with indigenous peoples and local communities and their networks.

   (c) To contribute to the IPBES future work programme from an indigenous and local knowledge's perspective, and the future directions and expertise of the ILK task force.

14. A draft agenda and background information for the meeting can be found in addendum 5.
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