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**Rules and procedures for the operation of the Platform:
nomination and selection of members of the Bureau****Proposals received for members of the Bureau****Note by secretariat**

1. The Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at its fourth session will be invited to elect a new Bureau. The term of the members of the current Bureau began at the end of the first session of the Plenary, held in Bonn, Germany, in January 2013, when they were elected, and will end at the close of the fourth session, during which a new Bureau is expected to be elected.
2. As stipulated in rule 15 of the rules of procedure for the Plenary of the Platform, the Bureau will consist of the Chair, four Vice-Chairs and five other officers, to be elected from among the members of the Platform. Each of the five United Nations regions is to be represented by two officers in the Bureau, taking into account the principle of geographical representation. Each Bureau member is elected for a term of office of three years with the opportunity for re-election for one consecutive term. Further details on the nomination and selection of the officers of the Bureau are provided in the rules of procedure for the Plenary of the Platform (IPBES/1/12, annex I, decision IPBES/1/1).
3. Members of the first Bureau would like to inform the Plenary that having Bureau members nominated for the entire duration of the mandate (three years) has proved much more efficient, in terms of involvement and contribution, than having mandates split among several individuals within the same region. The Bureau stresses the need for continuity in its work and strongly recommends no split terms.
4. In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure for the Plenary of the Platform, the secretariat of the Platform, in a letter dated 29 September 2015, invited members of the Platform to submit written nominations and curricula vitae of appropriate candidates no later than 30 November 2015. The proposals received are summarized in the annex to the present note and the full curricula vitae of the candidates are available on the website of the Platform (www.ipbes.net/plenary/nominations-to-the-bureau-2.html) and in document IPBES/4/INF/17 and Add.1–5.
5. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure for the Plenary of the Platform, the Bureau will be elected by the Plenary by consensus unless the Plenary decides otherwise. In addition, the Plenary is invited to take note of an agreement reached at its first session that the Vice-Chair of the Western Europe and Other Group would become the Chair of the Bureau for the following term (IPBES/1/12, II B, para. 10).

* IPBES/4/1.

6. The Committee on Conflicts of Interest will be invited to review the conflict of interest forms of candidates for election to the Bureau of the Platform to determine their eligibility for election according to rule 3 of the conflict of interest policy and procedures adopted by the Plenary at its third session. The Committee will cover the issue in its report, which will be submitted to the Plenary at least four weeks prior to the fourth session.
7. The Plenary will be invited to elect a new Bureau based on the nominations set out in the annex to the present note. The Plenary may accept late nominations at its discretion.

Annex

Proposals received for officers of the Bureau (as at 1 December 2015)

African States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Morocco	Larbi Sbai	Ministry of Marine Fisheries	Male

Asia-Pacific States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
China	Zhiyun Ouyang	Chinese Academy of Sciences	Male
Indonesia	Dedy Darnaedi	Indonesian Institute of Sciences	Male
	Ratna Kusuma Sari	Ministry of Environment and Forestry Indonesia	Female
Republic of Korea	Youngbae Suh	Natural Products Research Institute of Seoul National University	Male

Eastern European States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senka Barudanović	Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo	Female

Latin American and Caribbean States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Chile	Leonel Sierralta Jara	Sustainable Initiatives for Mining (ISUM)	Male
Costa Rica	Carmen Roldán Chacón	National Forestry Financing Fund, Ministry of Environment and Energy	Female
	Helena Molina Ureña	University of Costa Rica	Female
	Guisselle Alvarado	Department of Natural History, National Museum of Costa Rica	Female
	Joaquín Sánchez	Department of Natural History, National Museum of Costa Rica	Male
Grenada	Spencer Linus Thomas	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Environment and Trade	Male
Peru	Dimitri Gutierrez Aguilar	Peruvian Marine Research Institute – IMARPE	Male

Western European and other States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Norway	Ivar A. Baste	Norwegian Environmental Agency	Male
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Robert Watson	University of East Anglia and Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research	Male