



## **Report of the second meeting of the IPBES Capacity-building Forum, New York, 23 September 2016**

1. The second meeting of the IPBES Capacity-building Forum was held in the offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and was co-hosted by UNDP and UN Environment (UNEP). The meeting was divided into two segments, a technical segment co-chaired by IPBES Bureau members Ivar Baste (Norway) and Spencer Thomas (Grenada), and a high-level segment co-chaired by Bob Watson (IPBES Chair), Midori Paxton (UNDP) and Ibrahim Thiaw (UN Environment).

2. A concept note for the meeting is provided in Annex 1, the agenda and organization of work in Annex 2, and a list of participants in Annex 3. Background documents for the meeting included a draft of the IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan, a synthesis of comments received on this draft plan, and examples of activities that might be undertaken to implement it. These documents are available from the technical support unit (TSU) for the IPBES task force on capacity-building, but will be superseded by a revised plan that takes account of feedback received.

### **Technical segment**

3. The meeting was opened by Spencer Thomas and Ivar Baste, co-chairs of the IPBES task force on capacity-building, who introduced the purpose of the meeting and the available documentation. Introductory remarks were also made by Bob Watson (IPBES Chair), Sebsebe Demissew (co-chair of the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel), and Anne Larigauderie (IPBES Executive Secretary). Key issues raised in the introductory remarks included:

- Ongoing concern about asymmetries in capacity between different countries and regions, which were becoming more apparent as the work programme of IPBES proceeds
- The importance of all four IPBES functions (assessment, knowledge generation, policy support tools, capacity-building), and of integrating capacity-building into all of the Platform's work
- The potential and opportunity to draw on the capability, capacities and interests of other organizations in order to help deliver this capacity-building

### **The role of IPBES and the Capacity-building Forum**

4. Referring to the concept note for the meeting (see Annex 1), the co-chairs drew attention to the value of the IPBES Capacity-building Forum in: (a) bringing together organizations which are able to support and advise IPBES in developing and delivering capacity-building, and (b) encouraging and facilitating alignment of IPBES capacity-building interests with those of other organizations and vice versa. While IPBES itself could undertake capacity-building, it was well understood that this needed to be augmented by the active engagement of many other organizations. The co-chairs indicated that during the meeting IPBES would seek input from participants on the areas of work that had been proposed in the rolling plan, and on the modalities for moving forward in implementing this work in a collaborative manner. The meeting would also include discussion on how the Forum might usefully support active collaboration further in the future. During an initial exchange of views on the objectives of the meeting, the following key issues were raised:

- Participants broadly welcomed the approach of building partnerships to deliver capacity-building, recognising that there are many existing opportunities that could be built upon

- It was recognised that there are many different approaches to capacity-building, and that IPBES needs to embrace a range of approaches focusing on intended outcomes and “impact investing”
- It was recommended that links should be made to existing partnerships and networks, such as the Collaborative Partnership on Forests or UN Water, to reach multiple organizations
- In this regard, IPBES was invited to share its deliverables and experiences in a wider range of international fora, so as to extend interest and collaboration, and also uptake of IPBES deliverables
- Finally, it was recommended that further thought needed to be given to how to relate to bilateral cooperation between countries, and to national initiatives that are already under way

### **Developing and implementing the IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan**

5. Discussion on design and implementation of the IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan was combined, and began with presentation by the TSU on the draft IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan, which had been made available to meeting participants and others in advance of the meeting so that they could provide comments and identify how their activities related to implementation of the plan. The TSU also presented a synthesis of comments received on the draft rolling plan from a range of organizations and individuals, contributions that could be made by collaborating organizations to support its implementation, and possible modalities for further developing collaboration.

6. The IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan is intended as both a framework identifying the necessary activities for addressing priority capacity-building needs identified by the Plenary, and as a plan of activities being carried out by IPBES and others in delivering capacity-building. The plan is intended to provide a clearer basis for building engagement with partner organizations, and feedback was requested from meeting participants on both the draft plan and on the proposed modalities for further developing collaboration.

7. During the subsequent discussion, references were made to a number of specific initiatives of organizations participating in the Forum, further illustrating the potential for building collaboration in delivering and supporting capacity-building relating to IPBES. In addition, the following issues were raised:

- It would be helpful for potential collaborators to have a clearer understanding of priority activities, so as to be able to provide maximum support and achieve the biggest impact
- In this regard it is important to know where the asymmetries are greatest, where the gaps are, and what is already being done to address them
- Relating to this there needs to be a clearer understanding of the impacts that we are trying to achieve, and how the plan will help in addressing them
- Rather than having them separate, it is important to combine the rolling plan and the modalities into one document (while recognising that the modalities still need broader review within IPBES)
- The importance of the interaction with the management and support structures for other IPBES deliverables was stressed, so as to ensure that capacity-building addresses their identified needs without overloading the system
- It should be recognised that capacity is often built through other activities (e.g. learning by doing) and this aspect may need further considering in planning capacity-building activities
- Stakeholder conferences provide opportunities for interactions that build capacities in a less formal way, and it may be useful to review what is already happening in this regard
- Assessment scoping and implementation must be used as the basis for identifying where data, knowledge and capacity gaps, and where support will be needed in uptake of assessment outputs

- IPBES may need to think about links to other programmes outside its usual partners in order to help build access to additional technical and scientific resources
- Creating a list or inventory of what is already going on could be considered so that the breadth of existing activities is better understood
- However, while it is important to understand the capacity-building landscape and how others could contribute, too broad a review would be time consuming, and probably not cost effective
- Improved communication by IPBES will help achieve a greater understanding of IPBES and the value of its guides and deliverables, which will then make it easier to promote and support their use
- There is clear value in promoting and facilitating the use of IPBES guidance widely, including through the sharing of lessons learned, while recognising that this guidance is simply a resource for those activities that are not directly mandated by IPBES
- It might also be helpful to consider and communicate the relationship between IPBES capacity-building and other capacity-building initiatives
- It was suggested that it would be good to include a definition of capacity-building so that the intention is clearer
- Finally, consideration could also be given to opportunities and ways to strengthen IPBES national focal points, and the roles that they play within their countries

8. During 2015, the task force had planned a trial call for projects and pledges in order to assist in the development of the proposed “matchmaking”. A member of the task force summarised the experience gained from this trial call for matchmaking projects and pledges. This included a summary of the approach taken for reviewing proposals received and further actions taken, and of the lessons learned. Other related issues raised in discussion included the following:

- There was a sense that previous IPBES efforts on matchmaking had begun too quickly, focusing on the tool rather than the objective, and that a rethink was needed aligned with the plan and priority needs
- Managing a matchmaking process takes time, and perhaps a stepwise approach might work more effectively, first seeking/identifying needs and priorities and then marketing opportunities
- There is a very real need for facilitating activities in addition to web tools, and this is clear from the call that was previously put out and the responses received
- There is a need to think about and work in ways that are relevant and appropriate to organizations that may be in a position to offer technical or financial resources
- Consider this from the perspective of what is most needed, and what is the most effective means of securing support for addressing priority needs (while recognising the need for transparency)
- If projects cannot be financially supported, other ways to support them could be considered (e.g. through active follow up, listing as opportunities, or sharing with other initiatives)
- There is an obvious need to focus on building of experience and learning from others who are carrying out similar activities, and developing liaison with them
- Should organize and systematise information for sharing experience, based on more practical goal-oriented approach, and build communities of practice and future calls for support around this
- One useful approach might be to showcase successful projects, so as to illustrate what succeeds and what does not
- Finally, it may also be useful to consider new ways of finding funding, such as crowd sourcing (something previously raised in a task force meeting but not yet followed up)

9. During discussion on development and implementation of the rolling plan, the balance between individual versus institutional capacity building was discussed. It is important to address

institutional capacity in the context of IPBES in order to achieve greater impact. Key points raised in this discussion included the following:

- There is a need to consider how to address institutional capacity-building when planning and implementing all capacity-building activities, and additional wording may be needed on this
- Each activity in the rolling plan has a potential follow up in moving from building the capacity of individuals to that of institutions, including through building communities of practice and increasing the focus on building the capacity to use the knowledge and experience resulting from IPBES deliverables
- Working with national stakeholder dialogues and national platforms may help in this regard, and may provide opportunities for sharing experience and more broadly communicating IPBES deliverables
- Institutional capacity-building can also be achieved while developing, implementing national ecosystem assessments and subsequently using the findings
- Many countries do not have the right bridging institutions between science and policy, and this needs investment; while IPBES may not be able to address this directly it can share relevant information
- Additionally, regional and sub-regional institutions could help provide opportunities for bringing people together

#### **Messages to the high level segment**

10. Those participating in the technical segment of the meeting then discussed the issues that could most usefully be communicated to those participating in the high level segment of the meeting.

#### **High level segment**

11. The high level segment of the meeting was opened by the IPBES Chair, Bob Watson, who welcomed participants and thanked the co-hosts UNDP and UN Environment for their support. With the support of the co-chairs of the technical sessions, he identified a number of key messages emanating from the discussions during the technical meeting, including the following:

- IPBES is drawing heavily on the capacities of others in all of its work, but in all of these endeavours is experiencing asymmetries in capacity
- These asymmetries need to be addressed, both for IPBES to be able to deliver its own work programme and to address other priority needs identified by the IPBES Plenary
- The IPBES work programme and development of the IPBES deliverables are themselves building capacity, although further explicit actions need to be taken to augment this
- In doing this IPBES needs to consider how to build both individual and institutional capacity, and how to bring all key stakeholders together, so as to ensure a more sustainable impact
- IPBES cannot do this alone as it has insufficient capacity, but needs to engage more substantively with others in addressing priority capacity-building needs
- The IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan and its three strategies are intended as a vehicle for achieving this engagement with partners, and the valuable feedback being received will help to shape this agenda further
- Successful implementation will require further technical and financial resources, and IPBES is keen to further explore opportunities and modalities for collaboration

12. The co-chair then invited remarks from the co-hosts of the meeting, and from those who were only participating in the high level segment of the meeting.

(a) The representative of UNDP welcomed the fact that the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem services was now far more widely recognised, but drew attention to the fact that the lack of effective links between science and policy was still a critical limitation. In this regard she recognised the importance and value of IPBES, and the strong government commitment to improving the science-policy interface that this implied. UNDP is making a contribution to IPBES through the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net) in particular, and this support will continue.

(b) The representation of UN Environment drew attention to the urgent need to communicate with other constituencies, and the importance of talking in terms that others understand and which are relevant to them. In this regard he stressed the importance of identifying and communicating links to the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* which is driving government priorities and agendas. IPBES must find opportunities to leverage additional funding and resources, and this will be easier when we are talking in terms that are clearly relevant to the audiences we are addressing.

(c) The representative of Norway recognised that a knowledge-based approach that increased understanding of the role of ecosystem services in all relevant sectors was key to meet the objective of IPBES. He thought that the rolling plan was a valuable approach to addressing global imbalances in capacity, and welcomed the fact that IPBES was encouraging others to work with it in addressing these imbalances. He hoped that the plan would also help in aligning national overseas development assistance projects with IPBES, and encouraged IPBES to build on and utilise existing partnerships/initiatives wherever possible and appropriate. He also drew attention to the importance of national and sub-regional ecosystems assessments in building capacity.

(d) The representative of France stressed the importance of IPBES for France, referring back to the speech made by President Jacques Chirac in January 2005 calling for such a body to be established. He also underlined the importance of clearly making the link to the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the sustainable development goals. It was important to make capacity-building plans as quickly as possible, and include with them clear targets of what IPBES was trying to achieve, as this was essential in trying to attract and ensure the necessary financial and technical support. He indicated that for France the primary emphasis would be on strategies 2 and 3, also drawing attention to the potential importance of national capacity self-assessments. He suggested that the next Plenary should be used as a focus for holding meetings with key parties and calling for pledges in support of implementing the rolling plan.

(e) Picking up on points made by earlier speakers, the representative of the World Economic Forum asked whether IPBES was really translating science into the kind of language that the private sector uses relating to risks and opportunities, trade-offs, opportunity costs, incentives, and so on, and whether IPBES was sufficiently focused on influencing the national policy and legislative frameworks within which the private sector operates. She suggested that with respect to capacity-building IPBES should be asking itself a number of questions relating to focus – are we thinking about the impacts we want to achieve, are we focused on the institutions and people who will make a difference, and are we ensuring that we are demand driven rather than supply driven?

13. During the subsequent discussion, a number of areas requiring follow up were identified:

- Make clearer the interrelationships between the three different strategies in the rolling plan as it is developed further
- Increase the focus and communication on learning by engaging and learning by doing, recognising the effectiveness of this approach in achieving capacity-building
- Consider whether more needs to be said in the rolling plan about links to achieving SDGs, as this is very relevant to development agencies in particular
- In both communications and relevant capacity-building consider the importance of appropriate communication, language and concepts for target audiences
- Find ways to increase engagement with the private sector, noting that the World Economic Forum would be happy to assist, including helping to identify appropriate approaches
- Find ways to increase engagement with other constituencies, including both bilateral assistance agencies and foundations, recognising where we can get support from existing contacts
- Further consider the call for pledges relating to capacity-building around the next IPBES Plenary (while recognising also the broader funding needs of IPBES)

## **Technical Segment (resumption)**

### **Modalities of work under the IPBES Capacity-building Forum**

14. Participants were asked to reflect on the meeting, and to provide advice regarding organization of future meetings. Discussion included the following key points:

- The Forum provided a good opportunity for discussion, which needed to be followed up with an identification of actions to be taken
- There was good documentation for the meeting; it would have been helpful to have a little more time in advance to reflect on some of the issues
- There is still a need for better understanding how organizations can engage when they have a broad range of potential inputs but do not understand what would be most useful.
- In this regard, the task force supported by its TSU will need to engage directly with specific potential partners to identify what exactly the follow up should be, and where these organizations can engage
- A flexible approach should be taken to future meetings of the forum, drawing on experience and using the most appropriate approach depending on what the meeting wants to achieve
- In planning future meetings, it might also be appropriate to consider alternative more interactive formats, and means for reaching other constituencies
- Opportunities for IPBES to speak to particular fora involving foundations and the private sector should be explored

#### **Follow up actions from the meeting**

15. In closing the meeting, the co-chairs thanked participants for their contributions, and in particular UNDP for the facilities and the logistical support that they had provided. They also identified a number of follow up activities which would be led by the task force supported by its TSU:

- (a) The report of the meeting will be completed as soon as possible following the meeting (noting that a summary of key points was given verbally towards the end of the meeting)
- (b) The rolling plan will be revised to address the feedback received, and will in the future also include more on modalities for engagement (which was presented to the meeting in a separate document)
- (c) The next iteration of the rolling plan will also include lists of activities being planned and undertaken, identifying where possible gaps and needs
- (d) The task force will also consider the advice provided and identify next steps to take with respect to the following:
  - (i) Identification of targets and priorities in the plan
  - (ii) Bilateral follow up with potential partners
  - (iii) Matchmaking facility, and other related activities
  - (iv) Future meetings of the Forum, and other related activities
  - (v) Close liaison with the management and support structures for other IPBES deliverables
  - (vi) Further action needed relating to communications and stakeholder engagement

## Annex 1 – IPBES Capacity-building Forum concept note

# The IPBES Capacity-building Forum

### *Opportunities for aligned investments in ecological knowledge for sustainable development*

The world's *biodiversity* of genes, microorganisms, plants, animals and ecosystems generate a wide range of benefits to society, often termed *ecosystem services*.<sup>1</sup> Many of the services are under threat due to unsustainable human practices. Policies for rectifying such practices often benefit from a legitimate and credible bridging of science and policy and the establishment of the confidence level of the knowledge at hand. This is why the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) was established in 2012 as a parallel to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

IPBES *critically assesses the state of knowledge* on the interactions between human societies and the natural world.<sup>2</sup> An IPBES assessment is initiated by the Plenary and involves voluntary contributions by partners and hundreds of authors and reviewers from multiple disciplines<sup>3</sup>. IPBES also undertake activities for advancing *policy-support tools* and for stimulating *knowledge generation*. IPBES furthermore strives to *address current world-wide individual and institutional asymmetries in capacities* in the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services. It does so by addressing priority needs identified by the IPBES Plenary<sup>4</sup> both as an integral part of the work programme and through activities aimed at matching those needs with financial and technical resources held by partners.

IPBES is in essence a multilateral networked institution with a small secretariat whose work largely relies on in-kind contributions from selected experts and partner institutions. To harness this vast capacity, the Platform works through agreed processes and by providing venues where experts, partners and member states can meet. The Capacity-building Forum for conventional and potential sources of funding aims at facilitating cooperation among partners for the evolution of the capacity building function of IPBES. It offers partners an avenue for advancing a joint agenda for investments in what could be termed as ecological knowledge for the implementation of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020* and its *Aichi Biodiversity Targets*.

## I. Engaging with IPBES in capacity-building

Institutions that fund, undertake or otherwise support relevant capacity-building activities will regularly be invited to register their interest in partnering with IPBES through the Capacity-building Forum. Cooperation under the forum will focus on the development and pilot implementation of the IPBES Capacity-building rolling plan through online communication, regular joint face to face meetings and bilateral follow-up arrangements.

The rolling plan operationalizes relevant parts of the IPBES work programme 2014-2018 and is to be financed partly through the IPBES trust fund and partly through financial and in-kind support from partners. A draft rolling plan is developed by the IPBES Task Force on Capacity-building with support from its technical support unit<sup>5</sup>. The implementation of the plan will be supported by a web-based

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<sup>1</sup> These ecosystem services include the provision of food and fibre; the production of oxygen and soil; the regulation of diseases and climate; and the contribution to human innovation, culture and spirituality.

<sup>2</sup> See [http://ipbes.net/images/Functions\\_operating\\_principles\\_and\\_institutional\\_arrangements\\_of\\_IPBES\\_2012.pdf](http://ipbes.net/images/Functions_operating_principles_and_institutional_arrangements_of_IPBES_2012.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Including the thematic assessment of *pollinators, pollination and food production* and methodological assessment of *scenarios and models* (both approved in 2016); thematic assessment on *land degradation and restoration* (completion 2017); regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services for *Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe and Central Asia* (completion 2017) and a *global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services* (completion 2019).

<sup>4</sup> See decision IPBES-3/1, adopted based on advice from the IPBES task force on capacity-building.

<sup>5</sup> The TSU is provided by the Government of Norway through the Norwegian Environment Agency, with support provided also by the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre, under a contract arrangement with the Agency.

matchmaking facility which is being developed in a prototype form in cooperation with UNDP under its BES-Net initiative.

The draft rolling plan contains two programmes and several initiatives which are categorized under the following three strategies:

(a) **Strategy 1: Learning and engagement** for the implementation of the IPBES work programme through: - *the IPBES Fellowship Programme* (allowing early career researchers and other professionals to engage with the Platform's activities); - *the IPBES Training and Familiarisation Programme* (delivered through training workshops, webinars, and e-learning tools); and - initiatives on *promoting secondments and internships* as well as *exchange visits and study tours*;

(b) **Strategy 2: Facilitating access to expertise and information** for the uptake and implementation of IPBES guidance and deliverables through initiatives on: - *building and supporting communities of practice* (for using IPBES guidance such as on scenarios and valuation, and assessments such as the pollination assessment); - *facilitating integration of indigenous and local knowledge*; and - *facilitating access to data, information and knowledge*;

(c) **Strategy 3: Strengthening national and regional capacities** by drawing on experience from partners through initiatives on: - *promoting and facilitating national capacity-self assessment*; - *promoting and facilitating national and sub-global assessments*; and - *promoting and facilitating national and regional platforms and networks*.

## II. The second meeting of the Capacity-building Forum

The second meeting of the Capacity-building Forum will build on experience from the first meeting hosted by the Wildlife Institute of India and the Indian National Biodiversity Authority at the Wildlife Institute of India in Dehradun from 19-22 October 2015. The meeting is intended to attract higher level participation and more organisations with an interest in funding and supporting capacity building. Partners will be invited to play an active role prior to and during the Forum by:

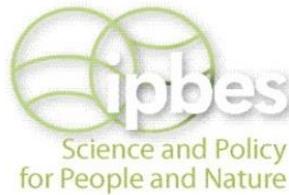
(a) reviewing and commenting on the orientation of the draft capacity-building rolling plan and its partnership initiatives to enable a further refinement of the draft prior to the second meeting of the Forum, including by considering making offers that could be reflected in the plan on: - technical and financial support to the IPBES Fellowship Programme and the IPBES Training and familiarisation programme; - technical and financial support to one or several of the proposed initiatives in the draft rolling plan; - willingness to coordinate initiatives and/or undertake enabling activities and support facilitation on the web-based matchmaking facility;

(b) providing inputs to the draft agenda of the second meeting of the Capacity-building Forum and participating in this meeting which is intended as a one day meeting possibly to be held in the margins of the UN General Assembly in late September 2016 including by: - attending the senior technical segment of the meeting which is anticipated to discuss the further development and pilot implementation of the draft rolling plan; and - attending a short high-level segment of the meeting which will be informed about the outcome of the technical segment and provide strategic advice on further work;

(c) considering the modalities for future work by partners under the auspices of the Forum, including the modalities of future meetings of the Forum, as well as exploring entering into bilateral arrangements with IPBES on contributions to the implementation of the draft rolling plan.

Work under the forum will aim at advancing the individual agendas of partners and at facilitating longer term strategic alignments of relevant ongoing programmes and activities among partners. It is anticipated that the work of the Capacity-building Forum will be communicated to the IPBES Plenary for its consideration.

## **Annex 2 – Agenda and organization of work**



### **The second meeting of the IPBES Capacity-building Forum**

*Advancing a joint agenda for investments in ecological knowledge for sustainable development*

**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**AND**

**PROPOSED ORGANISATION OF WORK**

***New York, USA, 23 September 2016***

#### **DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

##### **The technical segment**

1. Opening
2. The role of IPBES and the Capacity-building Forum
3. Developing the IPBES Capacity-Building Rolling Plan
4. Implementing the IPBES Capacity-Building Rolling Plan
5. Modalities of work under the Capacity-building Forum
6. Messages to the high-level segment
7. Follow up to advice from the high-level segment
8. Follow-up actions from the meeting
9. Closing

##### **THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**

10. Opening
11. The role of IPBES and the Capacity-Building Forum in sustainable development
12. Investing in ecological knowledge for sustainable development
13. Closing

## PROPOSED ORGANISATION OF WORK

Venue: The Amartya Sen Conference Room, UNDP FF building, 10th floor, 304 East 45th Street

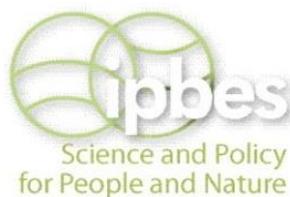
<b>The technical segment</b>	
<b>Time 09:00-13:00 &amp; 14:45 – 16:00</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
08:30-09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00-09:15	<b>1. Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Adoption of agenda and agreement on organization of work</li> </ul>
09:15-09:45	<b>2. The role of IPBES and the Capacity-building Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the role of IPBES and the Capacity-building Forum</li> <li>• Lessons learned on modalities of the Capacity-building Forum</li> <li>• The aim and purpose of the second meeting of the Capacity-building Forum</li> </ul>
09:45-10:45	<b>3. Developing the IPBES Capacity-Building Rolling Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the draft plan and feedback received</li> <li>• Advice on further development of the plan</li> <li>• Modalities for cooperation on the implementation of the plan</li> </ul>
10:45-11:00	<b>Coffee</b>
11:00-12:00	<b>4. Implementing the IPBES Capacity-Building Rolling Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice on further implementation of the plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Strategy 1: Learning and engagement</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Strategy 2: Facilitating access to expertise and information</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Strategy 3: Strengthening national and regional capacities</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advice on further development of the web-based Matchmaking Facility</li> </ul>
12.00 - 12.30	<b>5. Modalities of work under the Capacity-building Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modalities of future meetings of the IPBES Capacity-building Forum</li> <li>• Intersessional cooperation modalities</li> <li>• Advice to the IPBES Plenary</li> </ul>
12:30-13:00	<b>6. Messages to the high-level segment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on main messages to be conveyed to senior officials</li> </ul>
13:00–13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30-14:30	<b>The high-level segment</b>
14:30–14:45	<b>Break</b>
14:45-15:15	<b>7. Follow up to advice from the high-level segment</b>
15:15-15:45	<b>8. Follow-up actions from the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on actions and reporting from the meeting</li> </ul>
15:45-16:00	<b>9. Closing</b>

## The high-level segment

Time: 13:30-14:30

Time	Agenda Item
13:30-13:35	<b>1. Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome</li></ul>
13:35-13:50	<b>2. The role of IPBES and the Capacity-Building Forum in sustainable development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short statements by the hosts</li><li>• Main messages from the technical segment</li></ul>
13:50-14:25	<b>3. Investing in ecological knowledge for sustainable development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic advice from senior officials on messaging, opportunities and modalities for the capacity-building work under IPBES</li></ul>
14:25-14:30	<b>4. Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback to the technical segment and close of segment</li></ul>

## Annex 3 – List of participants



### The second meeting of the IPBES Capacity-building Forum

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#### The list of participants

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4	UNDP	Eileen de Ravin
5	UNDP	Jamison Ervin
6	UNDP	Midori Paxton
7	UNDP	Anne Virnig
8	UNESCO	Ana Persic
9	UNU	Naoya Tsukamoto
10	UNU	Unnikrishnan Payyappallimana
11	CBD	Erie Tamale
12	UNDESA	Hossein Moeini-Meybodi
13	UNCCD	Nandhini Krishna
14	IUCN	Cyriaque Sendashonga
15	IUCN	Philip McGowan
16	Future Earth	Paul Shrivastava
17	Asia-Pacific Network for Global change Research	Linda Anne Stevenson
18	The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations	Valeria Zolcerova
19	IPBES National Focal Point of the Slovak Republic	Andrea Mikulová
20	USAID	Mary Rowen
21	JNCC, UK	Diana Mortimer
22	Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment	Jens Frølich Holte
23	IPBES National Focal Point of Norway, Norwegian Environment Agency	Nina Vik
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