

Terms of reference for task forces for the rolling work programme up to 2030 - General terms of reference

1. In carrying out its work, each task force will:

- (a) Ensure that all its activities draw on, build on and complement existing experience;
- (b) Perform activities that specifically address the relevant prioritized topics and objectives set out in the rolling work programme up to 2030, in support of the overall objective and four functions of IPBES;
- (c) 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;
- (d) Advise the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel on issues pertaining to its mandate across the rolling work programme up to 2030;
- (e) Advise the Bureau on the identification of new strategic partners and collaborative supporters;¹
- (f) Encourage the direct involvement of its members, as appropriate, in activities of other IPBES task forces and expert groups to foster the coherent implementation of the rolling work programme up to 2030 through the four functions of IPBES.

Terms of reference for the task force on capacity-building

A. Responsibilities

2. The task force on capacity-building will oversee and take part in the implementation of the three deliverables under objective 2 of the rolling work programme up to 2030 and act in accordance with relevant decisions by the Plenary and its subsidiary bodies, including by: building on lessons learned in the implementation of deliverables 1 (a) and 1 (b) of the first work programme; and guiding the secretariat, including the dedicated technical support unit, in implementing the capacity-building rolling plan,² which frames the work under objective 2, and in reporting to Plenary on progress made.

B. Membership

3. The task force will comprise up to 14 members covering the five United Nations regions, including: (a) up to 4 members of the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel; (b) representatives of qualified national, regional and international scientific organizations, centres of excellence and institutions, including experts on indigenous and local knowledge, which are known for their work and expertise on issues related to the mandate of the task force and are existing or prospective partners or collaborative supporters in the capacity-building activities of IPBES; and (c) recognized individual experts, including indigenous and local knowledge experts, on matters related to the mandate of the task force.

4. Members other than those from the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel will be selected in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of IPBES deliverables.³ The term of office of these members will expire at the end of the third session following their selection, with the possibility of re-election. The selection of members should reflect the need for continuity in the work of the task force.

¹ At its twelfth meeting, the Bureau approved a general approach to recognizing the work of organizations that support the implementation of the IPBES work programme. At regular intervals, the Bureau reviews, for endorsement, recommendations by IPBES task forces for the recognition of organizations undertaking activities that significantly support the implementation of the IPBES work programme on the IPBES web site. Organizations endorsed by the Bureau are listed on the IPBES website as “collaborative supporters”, and the Bureau reviews the list at regular intervals, supported by the relevant task forces.

² Set out in annex I to decision IPBES-5/1.

³ Set out in annex I to decision IPBES-3/3, section 7.

5. At the discretion of the co-chairs of the task force and following consultation with the Bureau, a limited number of additional experts on capacity-building may also be invited to participate in the task force as resource persons.

C. Modus operandi

6. The task force will be co-chaired by members of the Bureau and/or the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel. The task force will work through face-to-face meetings, web-based meetings and other electronic interaction. Products of the task force will be reviewed by the Bureau and the Panel and forwarded to the Plenary for its information and consideration, as appropriate. The task force will foster collaboration with strategic partners and collaborative supporters under the guidance of the Bureau.

7. The task force will be supported by the secretariat, including a dedicated technical support unit.