

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 scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services

A. Responsibilities

2. The task force on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services will oversee and take part in the implementation of objective 4 (b) of the rolling work programme up to 2030, “Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services”, and act in accordance with relevant decisions by the Plenary and its subsidiary bodies, including by building on lessons learned in the implementation of deliverable 3 (c) of the first work programme. The task force will implement the work on scenarios and models based on the terms of reference for the further development of tools and methodologies regarding scenarios and models² to facilitate the provision of advice to all the expert teams, in particular those working on assessments on the use of scenarios, and to catalyse the further development of scenarios and models for future IPBES assessments, as well as to guide the secretariat, including the dedicated technical support unit, in the provision of support. The task force will exchange information and collaborate with other bodies developing relevant scenarios and models under the guidance of the Bureau.

B. Membership

3. The task force will comprise up to 24 members covering the five United Nations regions, including up to 4 members from the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and experts on scenarios and models from the natural sciences, social sciences, the humanities and indigenous and local knowledge systems.

4. Members other than those from the Bureau and the Panel will be selected according to the procedures for the preparation of IPBES deliverables. 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.

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 Decision IPBES-4/1, annex V.

The selection of members should reflect the need for continuity in the work of the task force.

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 scenarios and models and representatives of indigenous and local organizations may be invited to participate in the task force as resource persons.

C. Modus operandi

6. The task force will be co-chaired by a member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel or the Bureau and an expert member. The task force will work through face-to-face meetings, web-based meetings and other electronic interactions. Products of the task force will be reviewed by the Panel and the Bureau 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.