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Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform**Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform****Note by the secretariat****Introduction**

1. In paragraph 1 of decision IPBES-7/4, on financial and budgetary arrangements, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) invited pledges and contributions to the IPBES trust fund, as well as in-kind contributions from Governments, United Nations bodies, the Global Environment Facility, other intergovernmental organizations, stakeholders and others in a position to do so, including regional economic integration organizations, the private sector and foundations, to support the work of IPBES. Section I of the present note provides the status of cash contributions and in-kind support received, together with a list of activities catalysed in support of the mandate of IPBES.
2. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to report to the Plenary at its eighth session on expenditures for the triennium 2018–2020. Accordingly, that report is presented in section II of the present note.
3. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the Plenary adopted a provisional budget for 2021 amounting to \$8,721,810.¹ Section III presents a revised budget for 2021, a budget for 2022 and a provisional budget for 2023. Additional details on the amounts in the proposed budgets for 2021, 2022 and 2023 in relation to the work programme are provided in document IPBES/8/INF/24.
4. Section IV of the present note sets out an overview of the overall costs of IPBES and an estimate of the funds still to be raised to implement the work programme until 2023. Estimated funds available at 1 January 2021 amounted to \$7.9 million. Taking into account contributions received and pledges made as at 31 December 2020 and assuming yearly income of \$5.5 million based on expected contributions and pledges, it is concluded that enough funds would be available to cover expenses in 2021 and 2022 and that an additional \$1.4 million would need to be raised to cover the cost of the 2023 provisional budget.
5. In paragraph 2 of the decision, the Plenary also requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to report to the Plenary at its eighth session on activities related to fundraising. Section V A of the present note, accordingly, presents such a progress report.
6. Finally, in paragraph 5 of the same decision, the Plenary requested the Executive Secretary to prepare draft guidelines that regulate contributions to the work of the Platform from the private sector and non-governmental stakeholders and submit them for approval to the Plenary at its eighth session. In that same paragraph, the Plenary decided that, in addition to the regulations, rules, policies and procedures already in place for the acceptance of contributions and pledges, the following provisional guidance for private-sector and non-governmental stakeholders would apply: neither logos nor names

* IPBES/8/1.

¹ All references in this document to “\$” or “dollars” are to United States dollars.

of donors shall be mentioned on the reports of the Platform. Section V B of the present note, accordingly, presents a draft decision on guidelines that regulate contributions to the work of the Platform from the private sector and non-governmental stakeholders for approval by the Plenary at its eighth session.

I. Status of cash and in-kind contributions to the Platform

A. Contributions to the trust fund

7. Table 1 shows the status, as at 15 April 2021, of the cash contributions to the trust fund received and pledged since 2018, from Governments (part 1) and other donors (part 2), and income earned on the trust fund for that same period (part 3).

8. IPBES received \$7.1 million into its trust fund in 2019, and \$4.0 million in 2020. The main reason for this large difference between 2019 and 2020 is the receipt in 2019 of the contribution from the European Union corresponding to two years (2019 and 2020). In addition, national contributions in 2020 were \$1.1 million lower than in 2019. Outstanding pledges bring the total potential income for 2021 to \$3.4 million.

9. The donations from other donors in section 2 of table 1 were in line with the invitation of the Plenary in paragraph 1 of decision IPBES-7/4, and were accepted by the Bureau after the required due diligence processes, as set out in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Partnership Policy, and once clearance had been obtained from UNEP. Donations received and pledges from other donors, including the private sector, for the period from 2018 until 2022, amount to \$0.7 million. This includes an amount of \$114,000 awarded to IPBES as winner of the 2020 Win Win Gothenburg Sustainability Award.

10. Section 1 of table 2 shows earmarked contributions received in cash, and pledges made, for activities that are part of the approved work programme and the approved budget, for the period 2018–2022. These contributions and pledges amount to \$1.8 million for this entire period. They are included in the amounts shown in table 1, as indicated by the footnote, and were made in compliance with the financial procedures for IPBES set out in decisions IPBES-2/7 and IPBES-3/2.

11. Section 2 of table 2 shows additional earmarked contributions received in cash, and pledges made, in support of activities relevant to the work programme but not included in the approved budget. Such contributions and pledges amounted to \$0.7 million for the period 2018–2022, including the contribution of \$0.3 million from France as host of the seventh session of the Plenary.

B. In-kind contributions

12. Table 3 shows in-kind contributions received for 2019 and 2020, together with their corresponding values in United States dollars, as provided or, when possible, estimated based on the equivalent costs in the work programme, if available. These in-kind contributions, amounting to \$1.8 million in 2019 and \$1.6 million in 2020, consist of support provided directly by the donor, and hence not received by the trust fund, for approved and costed activities of the work programme (section 1) and activities organized in support of the work programme, such as technical support, meeting facilities and local support (section 2).

13. In addition to the amounts shown in table 3, an in-kind contribution estimated at between \$5.4 million and \$10.7 million was made to the work of IPBES in 2019–2020 by experts around the world (including experts participating in assessments and task forces and members of the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel) working between 10 and 20 per cent of their time on a pro bono basis.² The total contribution represented by such pro bono service since 2014 is estimated at between \$29.4 million and \$57.7 million, an amount comparable to the total cash contributions to the trust fund received over the same period (\$41 million).³

² These estimates were calculated using an annual academic salary of \$52,000 based on the mean salary at purchasing power parity provided for 28 countries that are representative of the geographical diversity of IPBES member countries. The mean salaries at purchasing power parity for the 28 countries can be found in the following publication: Philip G. Altbach and others, eds., *Paying the Professoriate: A Global Comparison of Compensation and Contract* (Routledge, 2012).

³ These estimates are based on participation in the work of IPBES by 498 experts in 2020, 533 experts in 2019, 900 experts in 2018, 940 experts in 2017, 1,172 experts in 2016, 984 experts in 2015 and 559 experts in 2014.

14. During 2019 and 2020, IPBES also benefited from the contributions of seven volunteer interns who worked full time for periods of between three and six months each to support communications and stakeholder engagement, fundraising activities and knowledge management.
15. In 2019 and 2020, IPBES continued to catalyse activities in support of its aims and objectives, in particular regarding the generation of new knowledge and capacity-building. Table 4 presents examples of research calls or capacity-building activities known to the secretariat, amounting to \$59.5 million for 2019–2020. A more complete list, with an additional list of smaller projects, can be found on the IPBES website.
16. Lastly, many events were organized in 2019 and 2020 by Governments and stakeholders to inform a wide range of constituencies about various aspects of the work of IPBES at the national, regional and international levels. These events contributed greatly to increased awareness of, and engagement in, the work of IPBES. IPBES is working to list those activities on its website and to recognize and promote them across its social media channels.

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Table 1
Status of cash contributions received and pledges made since 2018 (1 January 2018–15 April 2021)
 (United States dollars)

| | <i>Contributions received</i> | | | | | <i>Pledges</i> | | | | <i>Total</i> |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | <i>2018</i> | <i>2019</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>Total 2018–2021</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>2022</i> | <i>Total pledges</i> | |
| 1. Governments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 17 123 | – | 22 222 | – | 39 345 | – | – | – | – | 39 345 |
| Belgium | 77 193 | 73 661 | 73 853 | – | 224 707 | – | – | – | – | 224 707 |
| Bulgaria | 2 323 | 2 273 | 2 198 | 2 427 | 9 221 | – | – | – | – | 9 221 |
| Canada ^a | 25 583 | 30 312 | 31 260 | – | 87 155 | – | 31 397 | 31 397 | 62 794 | 149 949 |
| Chile | 13 000 | 12 751 | 11 000 | – | 36 751 | – | – | – | – | 36 751 |
| China | 200 000 | 200 000 | 180 000 | – | 580 000 | – | – | – | – | 580 000 |
| Denmark | – | 29 908 | – | – | 29 908 | – | – | – | – | 29 908 |
| Estonia | – | 5 044 | 2 389 | – | 7 434 | – | – | – | – | 7 434 |
| European Union | – | 2 155 333 | – | – | 2 155 333 | – | 1 257 097 | 1 257 097 | 2 514 193 | 4 669 526 |
| Finland | 11 696 | 22 727 | 23 697 | – | 58 120 | – | – | – | – | 58 120 |
| France ^a | 844 838 | 416 343 | 503 897 | – | 1 765 078 | – | 200 730 | – | 200 730 | 1 965 808 |
| Germany ^a | 1 457 267 | 1 242 916 | 1 109 361 | – | 3 809 543 | 51 500 | 1 268 045 | 1 216 545 | 2 536 090 | 6 345 633 |
| Japan | 190 454 | 166 428 | 193 181 | 193 181 | 743 244 | – | – | – | – | 743 244 |
| Latvia | 4 227 | 11 377 | 11 947 | 12 165 | 39 716 | – | – | – | – | 39 716 |
| Luxembourg | 17 045 | 11 123 | – | 9 558 | 37 727 | – | – | – | – | 37 727 |
| Netherlands | – | 715 072 | – | – | 715 072 | – | – | – | – | 715 072 |
| New Zealand | 17 047 | 16 557 | – | – | 33 604 | – | – | – | – | 33 604 |
| Norway | 665 417 | 324 585 | 290 757 | – | 1 280 759 | – | – | – | – | 1 280 759 |
| Republic of Korea ^a | – | 123 378 | – | – | 123 378 | – | – | – | – | 123 378 |
| Slovakia | – | – | 23 895 | – | 23 895 | – | – | – | – | 23 895 |
| Spain | – | – | – | – | – | – | 48 662 | – | 48 662 | 48 662 |
| Sweden ^a | 253 128 | 161 339 | 159 502 | – | 573 969 | – | 176 762 | – | 176 762 | 750 731 |
| Switzerland | 84 000 | 72 651 | 84 344 | – | 240 995 | – | – | – | – | 240 995 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 650 214 | 502 060 | 269 830 | – | 1 422 104 | – | – | – | – | 1 422 104 |
| United States of America | 495 000 | 497 759 | 497 000 | – | 1 489 759 | – | – | – | – | 1 489 759 |
| Subtotal 1 | 5 025 556 | 6 793 596 | 3 490 333 | 217 332 | 15 526 817 | 51 500 | 2 982 692 | 2 505 039 | 5 539 231 | 21 066 048 |

| | <i>Contributions received</i> | | | | <i>Total 2018–2021</i> | <i>Pledges</i> | | | <i>Total pledges</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | <i>2018</i> | <i>2019</i> | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | | <i>2020</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>2022</i> | | |
| 2. Other donors | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laboratoires de Biologie Végétale Yves Rocher SA | 11 481 | 11 161 | – | – | 22 642 | – | – | – | – | 22 642 |
| Kering SA | – | 131 291 | 143 369 | 140 680 | 415 340 | – | – | – | – | 415 340 |
| Win Win Gothenburg Sustainability Award | – | – | 113 663 | – | 113 663 | – | – | – | – | 113 663 |
| H & M Hennes and Mauritz Gbc AB | – | – | 44 014 | – | 44 014 | – | 45 620 | 45 620 | 91 241 | 135 255 |
| Subtotal 2 | 11 481 | 142 452 | 301 047 | 140 680 | 595 659 | | 45 620 | 45 620 | 91 241 | 686 900 |
| Subtotal (1+2) | 5 037 037 | 6 936 048 | 3 791 379 | 358 012 | 16 122 476 | 51 500 | 3 028 313 | 2 550 659 | 5 630 472 | 21 752 948 |
| 3. Investment and miscellaneous income^b | 158 546 | 217 091 | 179 314 | – | 554 951 | – | – | – | – | 554 951 |
| Total (1+2+3) | 5 195 583 | 7 153 139 | 3 970 693 | 358 012 | 16 677 427 | 51 500 | 3 028 313 | 2 550 659 | 5 630 472 | 22 307 899 |

^a The contribution from the donor includes an earmarked component. Please refer to table 2, section 1, for details.

^b Investment income earned on cash pool resources of UNEP.

Table 2
Earmarked contributions received in cash and pledges made for the period 2018–2022
 (United States dollars)

| Government/institution | Activity | Type of support | Contributions received | | | | Pledges | | | | Total |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Total | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Total pledges | |
| 1. Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of the approved work programme | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | Support for the work programme | Support for deliverables | 25 583 | 30 312 | 31 260 | 87 155 | – | 30 326 | 30 326 | 60 652 | 147 807 |
| Germany | Support to cover the cost of a P3-level consultant for the technical support unit of the global assessment | Technical support | 102 108 | 73 594 | – | 175 702 | – | – | – | – | 175 702 |
| Germany | Support to cover the information system assistant position | Support for staff costs | – | 51 500 | – | 51 500 | 51 500 | 51 500 | – | 103 000 | 154 500 |
| Germany | Support for participants in the sixth session of the Plenary | Support for participants | 149 068 | – | – | 149 068 | – | – | – | – | 149 068 |
| Germany | Third author meeting for the global assessment | Venue and logistics | 6 269 | – | – | 6 269 | – | – | – | – | 6 269 |
| France (Office français de la biodiversité) | Support for the global assessment | Support for deliverables | 102 740 | 71 903 | – | 174 643 | – | – | – | – | 174 643 |
| France (Office français de la biodiversité) | Support for the thematic assessment of invasive alien species | Support for deliverables | – | 79 545 | 116 959 | 196 504 | – | 64 654 | – | 64 654 | 261 158 |
| France (Office français de la biodiversité) | Support for the thematic assessment on values | Support for deliverables | 84 541 | 55 741 | 58 480 | 198 762 | – | 64 654 | – | 64 654 | 263 416 |
| France (Office français de la biodiversité) | Support for the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species | Support for deliverables | 84 541 | 55 741 | 58 480 | 198 762 | – | 64 654 | – | 64 654 | 263 416 |
| Republic of Korea | Meeting of the task force on knowledge and data | Support for participants | 123 378 | – | – | 123 378 | – | – | – | – | 123 378 |
| Sweden | Support for the participation of members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel from developing countries | Support for participants | 84 603 | – | – | 84 603 | – | – | – | – | 84 603 |
| Subtotal | | | 762 831 | 418 336 | 265 179 | 1 446 346 | 51 500 | 275 788 | 30 326 | 357 614 | 1 803 960 |

| Government/institution | Activity | Type of support | Contributions received | | | | Pledges | | | Total | |
|---|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Total | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | | Total pledges |
| 2. Earmarked contribution received in cash in support of activities relevant to the work programme but not included in the approved budget | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colombia | Support for IPBES-5 in Medellin, Colombia, for conference services and staff travel | Support for meetings | 325 065 | – | – | 325 065 | – | – | – | – | 325 065 |
| France | Support for IPBES-7 in Paris, France, for conference services and staff travel | Support for meetings | – | 265 114 | – | 265 114 | – | – | – | – | 265 114 |
| Germany | Support for the information system assistant position | Staff costs | 30 000 | – | – | 30 000 | – | – | – | – | 30 000 |
| Germany | Support for IPBES biodiversity and pandemics workshop | Support for meetings | – | – | 38 664 | 38 664 | – | – | – | – | 38 664 |
| Norway | Support for IPCC-IPBES workshop on climate and biodiversity | Support for meetings | – | – | 39 325 | 39 325 | – | – | – | – | 39 325 |
| Subtotal | | | 355 065 | 265 114 | 77 989 | 698 168 | – | – | – | – | 698 168 |
| Total | | | 1 117 896 | 683 450 | 343 168 | 2 144 514 | 51 500 | 275 788 | 30 326 | 357 614 | 2 502 128 |

Table 3
In-kind contributions received for 2019 and 2020, as at 15 March 2021
 (United States dollars)

| <i>Government/institution</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Type of support</i> | <i>Estimated value for 2019</i> | <i>Estimated value for 2020</i> |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Support provided directly for approved and costed activities of the work programme | | | | |
| National Autonomous University of Mexico | Technical support unit for the assessment on values | Staff, office and general operating costs | 13 500 | 13 500 |
| Ministry of the Environment, Japan | Technical support unit for the assessment of invasive alien species | Staff, office and general operating costs | 216 000 | 221 000 |
| Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité and Office français de la biodiversité, France | Technical support unit for the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species | Staff, office and general operating costs | 39 800 | 17 600 |
| UNESCO | Technical support unit for the task force on indigenous and local knowledge | Staff, office and general operating costs | 150 000 | 150 000 |
| Senckenberg Nature Research Society, Germany | Technical support unit for the task force on knowledge and data | Staff, office and general operating costs | 35 000 | 83 000 |
| BiodivERsA and Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité, France | Technical support unit for the task force on knowledge and data | Staff, office and general operating costs | 2 000 | 33 400 |
| World Conservation Monitoring Centre | Technical support unit for the task force on policy tools and methodologies | Staff, office and general operating costs | 25 000 | – |
| Government of the Netherlands | Technical support unit for the task force on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services | Staff, office and general operating costs | 292 100 | 141 800 |
| PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency | Technical support unit for the task force on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services Workshop related to work on scenarios and models | Staff, office and general operating costs and meeting facilities | 34 700 | 10 200 |
| Government of Norway | Technical support unit for the task force on capacity-building | Staff, office and general operating costs | 300 000 | 300 000 |
| Basque Centre for Climate Change Research, Provincial Government of Alava, Vitoria-Gasteiz Council, Spain | Second author meeting of the assessment on values | Meeting facilities | 61 000 | – |
| Convention on Biological Diversity | First meeting of the indigenous and local knowledge systems dialogue for the invasive alien species assessment Second meeting of the indigenous and local knowledge systems dialogue for the sustainable use of wild species assessment | Meeting facilities | 10 000 | – |
| Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France | Technical support to implement the fundraising strategy of IPBES | Staff costs | 279 800 | 279 800 |
| UNEP | Secondment of a P-4 programme officer to the IPBES secretariat | Staff costs | 180 600 | 180 600 |
| Subtotal (1) | | | 1 639 500 | 1 430 900 |

| <i>Government/institution</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Type of support</i> | <i>Estimated value for 2019</i> | <i>Estimated value for 2020</i> |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2. Support for additional activities organised in support of the work programme | | | | |
| International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources | Support for stakeholder engagement | Technical support | 85 500 | 85 500 |
| National Autonomous University of Mexico | Meeting of experts for chapters 2 to 5 of the assessment on values | Support for participants | 47 500 | – |
| Norwegian Environment Agency | Meeting of experts for chapter 4 of the assessment on values | Support for participants | 30 000 | – |
| Research Institute for Nature and Forest, Belgium | Meeting of experts for chapter 3 of the assessment on values | Meeting facilities and support for participants | 18 000 | – |
| University of Helsinki, Finland | Meeting of experts for chapter 2 of the assessment on values | Meeting facilities | 5 000 | – |
| University of British Columbia, Canada | Workshop related to work on scenarios and models | Meeting facilities and support for deliverable | 5 300 | – |
| Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan | Workshop related to work on scenarios and models | Meeting facilities and support for participants | – | 23 800 |
| University of Tokyo and Ministry of the Environment, Japan | Workshop related to work on scenarios and models | Meeting facilities, support for participants and logistical costs | – | 26 400 |
| Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Japan | Workshop related to work on scenarios and models | Logistical costs | – | 2 500 |
| Government of the Netherlands | Workshop related to work on scenarios and models | Support for deliverable | – | 4 700 |
| Subtotal (2) | | | 191 300 | 142 900 |
| Total (1+2) | | | 1 830 800 | 1 573 800 |

Abbreviation: UNESCO, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Table 4
Examples of activities catalysed by IPBES in 2019 and 2020
 (Millions of United States dollars)

| <i>Donor government/donor institution</i> | <i>Project lead</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Estimated value</i> |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Generation of new knowledge | | | |
| European Union (Horizon 2020) | European Union | Call for proposals addressing gaps identified in the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production: Addressing wild pollinators' decline and its effects on biodiversity and ecosystem services | 6.0 |
| | | Call for proposals to contribute to scenarios, assessments and data in the context of initiatives such as IPBES: Monitoring ecosystems through research, innovation and technology | 6.0 |
| BiodivERsA with the European Commission | BiodivERsA | Joint "COFUND" call for proposals on biodiversity and climate change | 30.0 |
| BiodivERsA | BiodivERsA | Joint call for proposals on biodiversity and its influence on animal, human and plant health to contribute to, among other things, the upcoming IPBES "nexus" assessment on biodiversity, climate, energy, water, food and health. | 14.2 |
| Capacity-building | | | |
| Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany/ International Climate Initiative | World Conservation Monitoring Centre | Capacity-building and support for Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Cameroon, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Grenada, Malawi, Thailand and Viet Nam to undertake national ecosystem assessments and establish IPBES national science and policy platforms | 0.8 |
| Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany/ International Climate Initiative and SwedBio | UNDP/BES-Net | Science-policy-practice dialogue (Triologue) for IPBES thematic assessment uptake in anglophone Africa, francophone Africa and Central Asia | 0.7 |
| Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany/ International Climate Initiative | UNDP/BES-Net | Support for uptake of the IPBES thematic assessments and national ecosystem assessments and strengthening of national biodiversity and ecosystem services platforms/networks in seven countries | 0.3 |
| Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany/ International Climate Initiative | Center for Development Research (ZEF) | Capacity-building support for Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo; enhancing engagement in IPBES activities and uptake of IPBES products; strengthening of South-South networking through workshops, establishment of a subregional science-policy platform; and education of young professionals through a dedicated master of science programme entitled "Managing science-policy interfaces on biodiversity and ecosystem services for sustainable development in West Africa", or "SPIBES" | 1.1 |
| Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment | Norwegian Environment Agency | Seven projects to build capacities to participate in, contribute to and benefit from the work of IPBES, primarily in Africa, the Americas, Eastern Europe and Asia | 0.4 |
| Total | | | 59.5 |

Abbreviations: BES-Net, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network; UNDP, United Nations Development Programme; PESC, Pan-European stakeholder consultation.

II. Expenditures for 2018 to 2020

A. Final expenditures for 2018

17. Table 5 shows the final expenditures for 2018 against the 2018 budget of \$8,554,853 approved by the Plenary at its sixth session (decision IPBES-6/4).

Table 5
Final expenditures for 2018
 (United States dollars)

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2018 approved budget</i> | <i>2018 final expenditures</i> | <i>Balance</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies | | | |
| 1.1 Sessions of the Plenary | | | |
| Travel costs for sixth session participants (travel and daily subsistence allowance) | 500 000 | 346 981 | 153 019 |
| Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation) | 1 065 000 | 1 115 604 | (50 604) |
| Reporting services | 65 000 | 56 780 | 8 220 |
| Security and other costs | 100 000 | 24 036 | 75 964 |
| Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary | 1 730 000 | 1 543 401 | 186 599 |
| 1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | | | |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Bureau sessions | 70 900 | 46 041 | 24 859 |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Panel sessions | 170 000 | 122 398 | 47 602 |
| Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | 240 900 | 168 439 | 72 461 |
| 1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES | 30 000 | 0 | 30 000 |
| Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies | 2 000 900 | 1 711 839 | 289 061 |
| 2. Implementation of the work programme | | | |
| 2.1 Objective 1: strengthen the capacity and knowledge foundations of the science-policy interface to implement key functions of IPBES | 861 250 | 828 789 | 32 461 |
| Deliverable 1 (a) Capacity-building needs | 133 750 | 123 143 | 10 607 |
| Deliverable 1 (b) Capacity-building activities | 450 000 | 431 310 | 18 690 |
| Deliverable 1 (c) Indigenous and local knowledge | 213 750 | 229 718 | (15 968) |
| Deliverable 1 (d) Knowledge and data | 63 750 | 44 618 | 19 132 |
| 2.2 Objective 2: strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across the subregional, regional and global levels | 1 310 000 | 899 689 | 410 311 |
| Deliverable 2 (a) Assessment guide | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deliverable 2 (b) Regional/subregional assessments | 285 000 | 208 259 | 76 741 |
| Deliverable 2 (c) Global assessment | 1 025 000 | 691 430 | 333 570 |
| 2.3 Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues | 921 250 | 666 408 | 254 842 |
| Deliverable 3 (a) Pollination assessment | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deliverable 3 (b) (i) Land degradation and restoration assessment | 71 250 | 94 529 | (23 279) |
| Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deliverable 3 (b) (iii) Sustainable use of wild species assessment | 375 000 | 178 950 | 196 050 |
| Deliverable 3 (c) Policy support tools for scenarios and models | 100 000 | 96 009 | 3 991 |
| Deliverable 3 (d) Policy support tools for values | 375 000 | 296 921 | 78 079 |

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2018 approved budget</i> | <i>2018 final expenditures</i> | <i>Balance</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 2.4 Objective 4: communicate and evaluate Platform activities, deliverables and findings | 559 160 | 414 142 | 145 018 |
| Deliverable 4 (a) Catalogue of assessments | 10 000 | 10 483 | (483) |
| Deliverable 4 (c) Catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies | 100 000 | 75 881 | 24 119 |
| Deliverable 4 (d) Communication and stakeholder engagement | 311 000 | 205 590 | 105 410 |
| Deliverable 4 (e) Review of the Platform | 138 160 | 122 188 | 15 972 |
| Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme | 3 651 660 | 2 809 028 | 842 632 |
| 3. Secretariat | | | |
| 3.1 Secretariat personnel | 2 017 600 | 1 284 915 | 732 685 |
| 3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel) | 251 000 | 172 459 | 78 541 |
| Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating) | 2 268 600 | 1 457 374 | 811 226 |
| Subtotal 1+2+3 | 7 921 160 | 5 978 241 | 1 942 919 |
| Programme support costs | 633 693 | 449 292 | 184 400 |
| Total cost to the trust fund | 8 554 853 | 6 427 534 | 2 127 319 |

18. Final expenditures in 2018 amounted to \$6.4 million, which represents savings of \$2.1 million compared to the budget approved by the Plenary. This was mainly achieved through savings on:

- (a) The meetings of the IPBES bodies (\$0.3 million), resulting mainly from savings on security costs and on the cost of travel of participants to IPBES meetings due to advance booking of tickets;
- (b) The work programme (\$0.8 million), resulting primarily from savings on conference venues thanks to in-kind support from countries and organizations and lower-than-expected spending on travel and daily subsistence allowance, owing to the participation of fewer-than-expected experts eligible for funding (fewer than 75 per cent of participants were supported, and some meetings convened fewer participants than anticipated) and the fact that some meetings were shorter than their planned duration of five days;
- (c) Secretariat personnel and operating costs (\$0.8 million), attributable to the inclusion of a buffer for benefits that was not fully spent.

B. Final expenditures for 2019

19. Table 6 shows the final expenditures for 2019 against the 2019 budget of \$8,269,605 approved by the Plenary at its seventh session. Expenditures in 2019 amounted to \$4.9 million, which represents savings of \$3.3 million compared to the budget approved by the Plenary. This was mainly achieved through savings relating to:

- (a) The meetings of the IPBES bodies (\$0.5 million), resulting mainly from savings on conference services and security costs and on the cost of travel of participants to IPBES meetings due to advance booking of tickets;
- (b) The work programme (\$2.2 million), resulting from savings similar to those mentioned in paragraph 18 (b) above; savings from moving several meetings from 2019 to 2020 (the scoping meetings for the nexus and transformative change assessments and the meeting of national focal points); and savings arising from the fact that the technical support units for the task forces, which were all newly established in late 2019, were active for only part of 2019;
- (c) Secretariat personnel and operating costs (\$0.4 million).

Table 6
Final expenditures for 2019
 (United States dollars)

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2019 approved budget</i> | <i>2019 final expenditures</i> | <i>Balance</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies | | | |
| 1.1 Sessions of the Plenary | | | |
| Travel costs for seventh session participants (travel and daily subsistence allowance) | 500 000 | 410 764 | 89 236 |
| Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation) | 830 000 | 552 674 | 277 326 |
| Reporting services | 65 000 | 53 319 | 11 681 |
| Security and other costs | 100 000 | 21 643 | 78 357 |
| Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary | 1 495 000 | 1 038 400 | 456 600 |
| 1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | | | |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for Bureau sessions | 35 450 | 31 779 | 3 671 |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for Panel sessions | 85 000 | 75 944 | 9 056 |
| Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | 120 450 | 107 723 | 12 727 |
| 1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES | 25 000 | 18 733 | 6 267 |
| Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies | 1 640 450 | 1 164 855 | 475 595 |
| 2. Implementation of the work programme | | | |
| Part A: First work programme (wp1) | | | |
| wp1-Objective 1: strengthen the capacity and knowledge foundations of the science-policy interface to implement key functions of IPBES | 145 417 | 100 350 | 45 067 |
| wp1-Deliverables 1 (a) and 1 (b) Capacity-building | 29 167 | 0 | 29 167 |
| wp1-Deliverable 1 (c) Indigenous and local knowledge | 62 500 | 88 613 | (26 113) |
| wp1-Deliverable 1 (d) Knowledge and data | 53 750 | 11 737 | 42 013 |
| wp1-Objective 2: strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across the subregional, regional and global levels | 153 750 | 164 874 | (11 124) |
| wp1-Deliverable 2 (c) Global assessment | 153 750 | 164 874 | (11 124) |
| wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues | 1 415 000 | 1 118 084 | 296 916 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment (first year) | 425 000 | 260 865 | 164 135 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (iii) Sustainable use of wild species assessment (second year) | 445 000 | 321 552 | 123 448 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (c) Scenarios and models | 100 000 | 92 368 | 7 632 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (d) Values assessment (second year) | 445 000 | 443 299 | 1 701 |
| wp1-Objective 4: communicate and evaluate Platform activities, deliverables and findings | 130 000 | 145 268 | (15 268) |
| wp1-Deliverable 4 (a) Catalogue of assessments | 10 000 | 13 776 | (3 776) |
| wp1-Deliverable 4 (d) Communication and stakeholder engagement | 112 500 | 113 975 | (1 475) |
| wp1-Deliverable 4 (e) Review of the Platform | 7 500 | 17 516 | (10 016) |
| Subtotal, part A | 1 844 167 | 1 528 576 | 315 591 |
| PART B: Rolling work programme up to 2030 | | | |
| Objective 1: assessing knowledge | 411 000 | 448 | 410 552 |
| Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment) | 215 000 | 224 | 214 776 |
| Deliverable 1 (b) A technical paper on the interlinkage between biodiversity and climate change | 59 000 | 0 | 59 000 |

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2019 approved budget</i> | <i>2019 final expenditures</i> | <i>Balance</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment) | 137 000 | 224 | 136 776 |
| Objective 2: building capacity | 700 000 | 142 646 | 557 354 |
| Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, Objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and Objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities | 700 000 | 142 646 | 557 354 |
| Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations | 395 000 | 79 315 | 315 685 |
| Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data | 210 000 | 20 829 | 189 171 |
| Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems | 185 000 | 58 486 | 126 514 |
| Objective 4: supporting policy | 504 000 | 96 566 | 407 434 |
| Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies | 244 000 | 34 461 | 209 539 |
| Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services | 260 000 | 62 106 | 197 894 |
| Objective 5: communicating and engaging | 280 000 | 72 118 | 207 882 |
| Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication | 250 000 | 72 118 | 177 882 |
| Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement of stakeholders | 30 000 | 0 | 30 000 |
| Subtotal, part B | 2 290 000 | 391 094 | 1 898 906 |
| Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme | 4 134 167 | 1 919 670 | 2 214 497 |
| 3. Secretariat | | | |
| 3.1 Secretariat personnel | 1 631 425 | 1 266 425 | 365 000 |
| 3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel) | 251 000 | 248 556 | 2 444 |
| Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating) | 1 882 425 | 1 514 981 | 367 444 |
| Subtotal 1+2+3 | 7 657 042 | 4 599 506 | 3 057 535 |
| Programme support costs | 612 563 | 350 694 | 261 870 |
| Total cost to the trust fund | 8 269 605 | 4 950 200 | 3 319 405 |

C. Final expenditures for 2020

20. Table 7 shows the final expenditures for 2020 against the 2020 budget of \$7,146,360 adopted by the Plenary at its seventh session. Final expenditures in 2020 amounted to \$3.3 million, which represents savings of \$3.9 million compared to the budget adopted by the Plenary. This was mainly achieved through savings relating to:

- (a) The meetings of the IPBES bodies (\$0.2 million), resulting from holding one physical meeting of the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel rather than two;
- (b) The work programme (\$2.7 million), resulting, in the context of the coronavirus disease pandemic, from the replacement of most physical meetings by virtual meetings and from the postponement of several meetings from 2020 to 2021. The key changes and savings for 2020 are as follows:

Part A: First work programme

- (i) Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues:
 - a. Deliverable 3 (b) (ii): Invasive alien species assessment. The second author meeting was moved to 2021, and the third author meeting to 2022.
 - b. Deliverable 3 (b) (iii): Sustainable use of wild species assessment. The third author meeting was moved to 2021.
 - c. Deliverable 3 (d): Values assessment. The third author meeting was moved to 2021.

Part B: Work programme up to 2030

- (i) Deliverable 1 (b): The budget of \$170,000 for the technical paper on the interlinkage between biodiversity and climate was not used.
- (ii) Objective 2: Building capacity: The task force and the national focal point meetings were held virtually, resulting in significant savings.
- (iii) Objectives 3 and 4: Task force meetings were held virtually, resulting in overall savings of \$0.3 million.
- (iv) Secretariat personnel and operating costs were lower than anticipated, resulting in savings of \$0.7 million.

D. Final expenditures for 2020

Table 7
Final expenditures for 2020
 (United states dollars)

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2020 approved budget</i> | <i>2020 final expenditures</i> | <i>Balance</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1.1 Sessions of the Plenary | | | |
| Travel costs for eighth session participants (travel and daily subsistence allowance) | | | |
| Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation) | | | |
| Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary | | | |
| 1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | | | |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Bureau sessions | 70 900 | 19 078 | 51 822 |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Panel sessions | 170 000 | 56 650 | 113 350 |
| Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | 240 900 | 75 728 | 165 172 |
| 1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES | 25 000 | 3 622 | 21 378 |
| Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies | 265 900 | 79 349 | 186 551 |
| 2. Implementation of the work programme | | | |
| Part A: First work programme (wp1) | | | |
| wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues | 1 995 000 | 409 519 | 1 585 481 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment | 445 000 | 101 333 | 343 667 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (iii) Sustainable use of wild species assessment | 775 000 | 157 785 | 617 215 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (d) Values assessment | 775 000 | 150 401 | 624 599 |
| Subtotal, part A | 1 995 000 | 409 519 | 1 585 481 |
| Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030 | | | |
| Objective 1: assessing knowledge | 170 000 | 11 537 | 158 463 |
| Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health | 0 | 5 243 | (5 243) |
| Deliverable 1 (b) A technical paper on the interlinkage between biodiversity and climate change | 170 000 | 0 | 170 000 |
| Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity | 0 | 6 294 | (6 294) |
| Deliverable 1 (d) A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2020 approved budget</i> | <i>2020 final expenditures</i> | <i>Balance</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Objective 2: building capacity | 700 000 | 109 246 | 590 754 |
| Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, Objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and Objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities | 700 000 | 109 246 | 590 754 |
| Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations | 395 000 | 311 849 | 83 151 |
| Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data | 210 000 | 161 591 | 48 409 |
| Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems | 185 000 | 150 257 | 34 743 |
| Objective 4: supporting policy | 504 000 | 281 213 | 222 787 |
| Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies | 244 000 | 146 131 | 97 869 |
| Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services | 260 000 | 135 082 | 124 918 |
| Objective 5: communicating and engaging | 280 000 | 227 459 | 52 541 |
| Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication | 250 000 | 227 459 | 22 541 |
| Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement of stakeholders | 30 000 | 0 | 30 000 |
| Subtotal, part B | 2 049 000 | 941 304 | 1 107 696 |
| Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme | 4 044 000 | 1 350 823 | 2 693 177 |
| 3. Secretariat | | | |
| 3.1 Secretariat personnel | 2 056 100 | 1 479 929 | 576 171 |
| 3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel) | 251 000 | 136 246 | 114 754 |
| Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating) | 2 307 100 | 1 616 176 | 690 924 |
| Subtotals 1+2+3 | 6 617 000 | 3 046 349 | 3 570 651 |
| Programme support costs | 529 360 | 223 286 | 306 074 |
| Total | 7 146 360 | 3 269 635 | 3 876 725 |

III. Proposed budgets for 2021 to 2023

A. Revised budget for 2021

21. By decision IPBES-7/4, the Plenary adopted a provisional budget for 2021 amounting to \$8,721,810, as set out in table 8 of the annex to that decision, allowing for implementation of the work programme in two parts: part A, corresponding to the three assessments initiated during the first work programme, and part B, corresponding to activities approved by the seventh session for the work programme up to 2030. Table 8 shows the revised budget for 2021 alongside the 2021 provisional budget approved by the Plenary at its seventh session. The budget for the eighth session of the Plenary was reduced from \$500,000 to \$300,000 because of the session's virtual nature.

1. Implementation of the work programme

(a) Part A: First work programme

22. It is proposed that the budget for part A be decreased by \$0.1 million, to reflect changes in the schedule and costs of the three ongoing assessments, as follows:

(a) Deliverable 3 (b) (ii): Invasive alien species assessment. The second author meeting has been replaced by a virtual meeting in 2021 and the third author meeting moved from 2021 to 2022, and costs for these meetings and for the technical support unit have been adjusted. The realignment of these meetings results in a budget of \$120,000 for 2021 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table A-1).

(b) Deliverable 3 (b) (iii): Sustainable use of wild species assessment. The third author meeting has been moved from 2020 to 2021 and a budget of \$395,000 is allocated for 2021, covering that meeting and technical support (IPBES/8/INF/24, table A-2).

(c) Deliverable 3 (d): Values assessment. The third author meeting has been replaced by a virtual meeting held in 2021, a meeting to develop the summary for policymakers added, and a budget of \$179,000 allocated for the year, covering that meeting and technical support (IPBES/8/INF/24, table A-3).

(b) Part B: Work programme up to 2030

23. It is proposed that the budget for part B be decreased by \$1.1 million to take into account the following adjustments:

- (a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:
 - (i) Deliverable 1 (a): Thematic assessment of the interlinkages between biodiversity, water, food and health. The amount budgeted is \$93,000 instead of \$588,250 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-1). Changes made include moving the first author meeting and the first indigenous and local knowledge dialogue from 2021 to 2022. The costs for these dialogues are now reflected in the costs for objective 3 (b), Enhanced recognition and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-6).
 - (ii) Deliverable 1 (c): Assessment of the determinants of transformative change. The amount budgeted is \$90,000 instead of \$414,500 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-2). Changes made include moving the first author meeting from 2021 to 2022 and the first indigenous and local knowledge dialogue from 2021 to 2022, as explained in the subparagraph above.
 - (iii) Deliverable 1 (d): Scoping for a fast-track methodological assessment of the impacts and dependences of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people. The budget of \$116,000 is no longer required as this meeting was held virtually (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-3).
- (b) Objective 2 on building capacity:
 - (i) Objectives 2 (a): Enhanced learning and engagement, 2 (b): Facilitated access, and 2 (c): Strengthened national and regional capacities. The amount budgeted is \$605,000 instead of \$700,000 to reflect the actual cost of the technical support unit hosted by the Norwegian Environment Agency (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-4).
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
 - (i) Objective 3 (a): Advanced work on knowledge and data. The amount budgeted is \$268,000 instead of \$210,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-5). Increases are proposed for the technical support unit (\$33,000) and for activities to be carried out by the task force on knowledge and data (\$25,000).
 - (ii) Objective 3 (b): Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems. The amount budgeted is \$185,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-6). Funding for the indigenous and local knowledge dialogues for all assessments has been revised and is now included in this objective 3 (b) and no longer embedded in the respective deliverables under part A, and under objective 1 of part B of the work programme.
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (a): Advanced work on policy tools and methodologies. The amount budgeted remains \$244,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-7).
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The amount budgeted remains \$260,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-8).
 - (iii) Objective 4 (c): Advanced work on multiple values. Although work would be done on this in 2021, there would be no associated cost, as advice on values would continue to be provided to IPBES expert groups at no extra cost by the expert group performing the assessment of values.

- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): Strengthened communication. The amount budgeted is \$350,000 instead of \$250,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-10). The increase of \$100,000 is for activities planned for 2020 and postponed to 2021.
 - (ii) Objective 5 (b): Strengthened engagement of Governments: The cost of the annual consultation of IPBES national focal points is included in the budget for objective 2 (c) of capacity-building.
 - (iii) Objective 5 (c): Strengthened engagement of stakeholders: The amount budgeted is \$30,000 for stakeholder engagement (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-10).
- (f) Objective 6 on reviewing effectiveness:
 - (i) Objective 6: Reviewed effectiveness. There would be no cost associated with this in 2021.

2. Secretariat

24. The Bureau is proposing to add one post to the existing staffing of the secretariat and to reclassify one existing position, as follows:

(a) Addition of a professional position at the P-2 level to assume operational responsibility for social media and to explore further opportunities to expand the reach and impact of IPBES online communications. This position is considered a priority to maintain and build on the social media growth and success achieved over the past three years, especially since the launch of the Global Assessment Report. The annual standard cost would be \$121,000.

(b) Reclassification of a programme assistant-communication position from the G-5 to the G-6 level, to accommodate the increased responsibilities that have evolved with the significant growth of the communications and stakeholder engagement functions of the secretariat. The levels of support and assistance now required, in terms of coordination, project planning, implementation and follow-up, are commensurate with the higher grade. All support functions are budgeted at the standard cost of \$103,000 and therefore this reclassification would not result in any change to the budgeted cost.

25. The total revised provisional budget for 2021 is \$7.0 million, with \$1.4 million for meetings of the IPBES bodies, \$2.8 million for the work programme and \$2.2 million for the secretariat.

Table 8
Revised budget for 2021
 (United States dollars)

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2021 provisional budget</i> | <i>2021 revised budget</i> | <i>Change</i> |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies | | | |
| 1.1 Sessions of the Plenary | | | |
| Travel costs for eighth session participants (travel and daily subsistence allowance) | 500 000 | 300 000 | (200 000) |
| Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation) | 830 000 | 830 000 | 0 |
| Reporting services | 65 000 | 65 000 | 0 |
| Security and other costs | 100 000 | 100 000 | 0 |
| Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary | 1 495 000 | 1 295 000 | (200 000) |
| 1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | | | |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Bureau sessions | 70 900 | 35 450 | (35 450) |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Panel sessions | 170 000 | 85 000 | (85 000) |
| Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | 240 900 | 120 450 | (120 450) |
| 1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES | 25 000 | 12 500 | (12 500) |
| Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies | 1 760 900 | 1 427 950 | (332 950) |
| 2. Implementation of the work programme | | | |
| Part A: First work programme (wp1) | | | |
| wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues | 775 000 | 694 000 | (81 000) |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment | 775 000 | 120 000 | (655 000) |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (iii) Sustainable use of wild species assessment | | 395 000 | 395 000 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (d) Values assessment | | 179 000 | 179 000 |
| Subtotal, part A | 775 000 | 694 000 | (81 000) |
| Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030 | | | |
| Objective 1: assessing knowledge | 1 118 750 | 183 000 | (935 750) |
| Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment) | 588 250 | 93 000 | (495 250) |
| Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment) | 414 500 | 90 000 | (324 500) |
| Deliverable 1 (d) A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment) | 116 000 | | (116 000) |
| Objective 2: building capacity | 700 000 | 605 000 | (95 000) |
| Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, Objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and Objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities | 700 000 | 605 000 | (95 000) |
| Objective 3: strengthening the knowledge foundations | 395 000 | 453 000 | 58 000 |
| Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data | 210 000 | 268 000 | 58 000 |
| Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems | 185 000 | 185 000 | 0 |
| Objective 4: supporting policy | 739 000 | 504 000 | (235 000) |
| Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies | 244 000 | 244 000 | 0 |
| Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services | 260 000 | 260 000 | 0 |
| Objective 4 (c) Advanced work on multiple values | 235 000 | | (235 000) |

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2021 provisional budget</i> | <i>2021 revised budget</i> | <i>Change</i> |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Objective 5: Communicating and engaging | 280 000 | 380 000 | 100 000 |
| Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication | 250 000 | 350 000 | 100 000 |
| Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement of stakeholders | 30 000 | 30 000 | 0 |
| Subtotal, part B | 3 232 750 | 2 125 000 | (1 107 750) |
| Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme | 4 007 750 | 2 819 000 | (1 188 750) |
| 3. Secretariat | | | |
| 3.1 Secretariat personnel | 2 056 100 | 1 972 100 | (84 000) |
| 3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel) | 251 000 | 271 000 | 20 000 |
| Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating) | 2 307 100 | 2 243 100 | (64 000) |
| Subtotals 1+2+3 | 8 075 750 | 6 490 050 | (1 585 700) |
| Programme support costs | 646 060 | 519 204 | (126 856) |
| Total | 8 721 810 | 7 009 254 | (1 712 556) |

B. Budget for 2022

26. The 2022 budget for the implementation of the work programme was established in line with the adjustments made for 2021 as described in section III A.

27. Part A of the work programme includes the estimated costs of the assessments of invasive alien species and the sustainable use of wild species and the assessment on values, as follows:

(a) Deliverable 3 (b) (ii): Invasive alien species assessment. The amount budgeted is \$366,250 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table A-1). The third author meeting was moved from 2021 to 2022, and the cost of the indigenous and local knowledge dialogues is reflected in the budget of objective 3 (b) (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-6).

(b) Deliverable 3 (b) (iii): Sustainable use of wild species assessment. The amount budgeted is \$355,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table A-2). This covers the launch of the report at the ninth session of the Plenary, and its finalization. In addition, it is proposed that the technical support unit be allowed to remain open six months after the approval of the assessment by the Plenary, to allow for the finalization of the assessment and for communication and uptake activities around the assessment.

(c) Deliverable 3 (d): Values assessment. The amount budgeted is \$332,500 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table A-3). This covers the launch of the report at the ninth session of the Plenary, and its finalization. In addition, it is proposed that the technical support unit be allowed to remain open six months after the approval of the assessment by Plenary, to allow for the finalization of the assessment and for communication and uptake activities around the assessment.

28. Part B of the work programme includes costs for the following deliverables and objectives:

(a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:

(i) Deliverable 1 (a): Second year of the thematic assessment of interlinkages between biodiversity, water, food and health. Amount budgeted: \$1,031,250 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-1).

(ii) Deliverable 1 (c): Second year of the thematic assessment of the determinants of transformative change. Amount budgeted: \$470,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-2).

(b) Objective 2 on building capacity:

(i) Objectives 2 (a): Enhanced learning and engagement, 2 (b): Facilitated access, and 2 (c): Strengthened national and regional capacities. Amount budgeted: \$451,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-4).

(c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:

(i) Objective 3 (a): Advanced work on knowledge and data. Amount budgeted: \$268,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-5).

- (ii) Objective 3 (b): Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems. Funding for all indigenous and local knowledge dialogues is included in this objective 3 (b). Amount budgeted: \$385,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-6).
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (a): Advanced work on policy tools and methodologies. Amount budgeted: \$244,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-7).
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$270,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-8).
 - (iii) Objective 4 (c): Advanced work on multiple values. Work would be done on this until the ninth session by the expert group performing the assessment on values, at no cost. (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-9).
- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): Strengthened communication. Amount budgeted: \$250,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-10).
 - (ii) Objective 5 (c): Strengthened engagement of stakeholders. Amount budgeted: \$30,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-10).
- (f) Objective 6 on reviewing effectiveness:
 - (i) Objective 6: Reviewed effectiveness. There would be no cost associated with this in 2022.

29. In addition to the implementation of the work programme, the provisional budget for 2022 includes the cost of the ninth session of the Plenary, tentatively scheduled for April 2022, and staff costs that take into account the adjustments proposed for 2021. The total provisional budget for 2022 is \$9.3 million.

Table 9
Proposed budget for 2022
 (United States dollars)

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2022 proposed budget</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies | |
| 1.1 Sessions of the Plenary | |
| Travel costs for ninth session participants (travel and daily subsistence allowance) | 500 000 |
| Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation) | 830 000 |
| Reporting services | 65 000 |
| Security and other costs | 100 000 |
| Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary | 1 495 000 |
| 1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Bureau sessions | 70 900 |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Panel sessions | 170 000 |
| Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | 240 900 |
| 1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES | 25 000 |
| Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies | 1 760 900 |
| 2. Implementation of the work programme | |
| Part A: First work programme (wp1) | |
| wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues | 1 053 750 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment | 366 250 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (iii) Sustainable use of wild species assessment | 355 000 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (d) Values assessment | 332 500 |

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2022 proposed budget</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Subtotal, part A | 1 053 750 |
| Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030 | |
| Objective 1: Assessing knowledge | 1 501 250 |
| Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment) | 1 031 250 |
| Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment) | 470 000 |
| Deliverable 1 (d) A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment) | |
| Objective 2: Building capacity | 451 000 |
| Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, Objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and Objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities | 451 000 |
| Objective 3: Strengthening the knowledge foundations | 653 000 |
| Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data | 268 000 |
| Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems | 385 000 |
| Objective 4: Supporting policy | 514 000 |
| Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies | 244 000 |
| Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services | 270 000 |
| Objective 4 (c) Advanced work on multiple values | 0 |
| Objective 5: Communicating and engaging | 280 000 |
| Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication | 250 000 |
| Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement of stakeholders | 30 000 |
| Subtotal, part B | 3 399 250 |
| Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme | 4 453 000 |
| 3. Secretariat | |
| 3.1 Secretariat personnel | 2 068 725 |
| 3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel) | 321 000 |
| Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating) | 2 389 725 |
| Subtotals 1+2+3 | 8 603 625 |
| Programme support costs | 688 290 |
| Total | 9 291 915 |

C. Provisional budget for 2023

30. The 2023 provisional budget for the implementation of the work programme was established in line with the adjustments made for 2021 (and also applicable to 2022), as described in section III A.
31. Part A of the work programme includes the estimated cost of the assessment of invasive alien species, as follows:
- (a) Deliverable 3 (b) (ii): Invasive alien species assessment. Final year. Amount budgeted: \$352,500 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table A-1).
32. Part B of the work programme includes costs for the following deliverables and objectives:
- (a) Objective 1 on assessing knowledge:
 - (i) Deliverable 1 (a): Third year of the thematic assessment of interlinkages between biodiversity, water, food and health. Amount budgeted: \$682,500 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-1).
 - (ii) Deliverable 1 (c): Third year of the thematic assessment of the determinants of transformative change. Amount budgeted: \$872,500 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-2).

- (iii) Deliverable 1 (d): First year of the methodological assessment of the impacts and dependences of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people, if initiated by the Plenary at its tenth session (2023). Amount budgeted: \$305,750 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-3).
- (b) Objective 2 on building capacity:
 - (i) Objectives 2 (a): Enhanced learning and engagement, 2 (b): Facilitated access, and 2 (c): Strengthened national and regional capacities. Amount budgeted: \$759,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-4).
- (c) Objective 3 on strengthening the knowledge foundations:
 - (i) Objective 3 (a): Advanced work on knowledge and data. Amount budgeted: \$268,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-5).
 - (ii) Objective 3 (b): Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems. Funding for the indigenous and local knowledge dialogues is included in this objective. Amount budgeted: \$285,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-6).
- (d) Objective 4 on supporting policy:
 - (i) Objective 4 (a): Advanced work on policy tools and methodologies. Amount budgeted: \$244,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-7).
 - (ii) Objective 4 (b): Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Amount budgeted: \$260,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-8).
 - (iii) Objective 4 (c): Advanced work on multiple values. The work would be done by a new task force if approved by the Plenary at its tenth session (2023). Amount budgeted: \$235,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-9).
- (e) Objective 5 on communicating and engaging:
 - (i) Objective 5 (a): Strengthened communication. Amount budgeted: \$250,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-10).
 - (ii) Objective 5 (c): Strengthened engagement of stakeholders. Amount budgeted: \$30,000 (IPBES/8/INF/24, table B-10).
- (f) Objective 6 on reviewing effectiveness:
 - (i) Objective 6: Reviewed effectiveness. There would be no cost associated with this in 2023.

33. In addition to the implementation of the work programme, the provisional budget for 2023 includes the cost of the tenth session of the Plenary, tentatively scheduled for May 2023, and staff costs that take into account the adjustments proposed for 2021. The total provisional budget for 2023 is \$9.5 million.

Table 10
Provisional budget for 2023
 (United States dollars)

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2023 provisional budget</i> |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. Meetings of the IPBES bodies | |
| 1.1 Sessions of the Plenary | |
| Travel costs for tenth session participants (travel and daily subsistence allowance) | 500 000 |
| Conference services (translation, editing and interpretation) | 830 000 |
| Reporting services | 65 000 |
| Security and other costs | 100 000 |
| Subtotal 1.1, sessions of the Plenary | 1 495 000 |
| 1.2 Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Bureau sessions | 70 900 |
| Travel and meeting costs for participants for two Panel sessions | 170 000 |
| Subtotal 1.2, Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel sessions | 240 900 |
| 1.3 Travel costs of the Chair to represent IPBES | 25 000 |
| Subtotal 1, meetings of the IPBES bodies | 1 760 900 |
| 2. Implementation of the work programme | |
| Part A: First work programme (wp1) | |
| wp1-Objective 3: strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues | 352 500 |
| wp1-Deliverable 3 (b) (ii) Invasive alien species assessment | 352 500 |
| Subtotal, part A | 352 500 |
| Part B: Rolling work programme up to 2030 | |
| Objective 1: Assessing knowledge | 1 860 750 |
| Deliverable 1 (a) A thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health | 682 500 |
| Deliverable 1 (c) A thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity | 872 500 |
| Deliverable 1 (d) A methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people | 305 750 |
| Deliverable 1 (e) Scoping topic 4 | |
| Deliverable 1 (f) Scoping topic 5 | |
| Objective 2: Building capacity | 759 000 |
| Objective 2 (a) Enhanced learning and engagement, Objective 2 (b) Facilitated access to expertise and information and Objective 2 (c) Strengthened national and regional capacities | 759 000 |
| Objective 3: Strengthening the knowledge foundations | 553 000 |
| Objective 3 (a) Advanced work on knowledge and data | 268 000 |
| Objective 3 (b) Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems | 285 000 |
| Objective 4: Supporting policy | 739 000 |
| Objective 4 (a) Advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies | 244 000 |
| Objective 4 (b) Advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services | 260 000 |
| Objective 4 (c) Advanced work on multiple values | 235 000 |
| Objective 5: Communicating and engaging | 280 000 |
| Objective 5 (a) Strengthened communication | 250 000 |
| Objective 5 (c) Strengthened engagement of stakeholders | 30 000 |
| Subtotal, part B | 4 191 750 |
| Subtotal 2, implementation of the work programme | 4 544 250 |

| <i>Budget items</i> | <i>2023 provisional budget</i> |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 3. Secretariat | |
| 3.1 Secretariat personnel | 2 177 100 |
| 3.2 Operating costs (non-personnel) | 321 000 |
| Subtotal 3, secretariat (personnel + operating) | 2 498 100 |
| Subtotals 1+2+3 | 8 803 250 |
| Programme support costs | 704 260 |
| Total | 9 507 510 |

IV. Overview of the cost of the Platform and estimate of funds to be raised

A. Overview of the cost of the Platform

34. The yearly costs for 2021, 2022 and 2023 amount to \$7.0 million, \$9.3 million and \$9.5 million, respectively. Based on previous years, and excluding the pandemic, average yearly savings can be expected to be \$1.3 million.

B. Estimate of funds to be raised

35. The estimated cash balance as at 1 January 2021 was \$7.9 million, in accordance with the UNEP statement regarding cash available in the trust fund as at 31 December 2020. This balance is used in table 11 to estimate the cumulative balance of available funds for 2021 to 2023.

Table 11

Total cash requirements for the Platform and estimated cumulative balance of available funds for the period 2021–2023

(Millions of United States dollars)

| | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Total cash requirement | Cumulative balance of available funds | Total cash requirement | Cumulative balance of available funds | Total cash requirement | Cumulative balance of available funds |
| Estimated cash balance as at 1 January of current year (including unpaid pledges for 2020) | | +7.9 | | +6.4 | | +2.6 |
| Estimated income for current year | | | | | | |
| • Income pledged for current year (see table 1) | | +3.4 | | +2.6 | | +1.3 |
| • Potential additional contributions from regular contributors (not yet pledged) | | +2.1 | | +2.9 | | +4.2 |
| Estimated costs of IPBES | -7.0 | | -9.3 | | -9.5 | |
| Estimated balance at 31 December of current year based on assumed pledges | | +6.4 | | +2.6 | | -1.4 |

36. Table 11 assumes an average yearly income of \$5.5 million. This takes into consideration the pledges made as at 31 December 2020 for 2021 to 2023, potential contributions from regular contributors based on experience of contributions and the pledge from the European Union, amounting to \$1.2 million per year. With these assumptions, the trust fund would be able to cover the estimated costs for 2021, leaving \$6.4 million unspent at the end of 2021. The trust fund would also be able to cover the estimated costs for 2022, leaving \$2.6 million unspent at the end of 2022. An additional \$1.4 million would need to be raised to cover the cost of the 2023 provisional budget, but this does not take into account the average estimated yearly savings of \$1.3 million mentioned above.

V. Fundraising strategy

A. Progress in implementing the fundraising strategy

37. This section describes the actions taken by the secretariat and others in response to the invitation in paragraph 1 of decision IPBES-7/4⁴ and in line with the fundraising strategy approved in decision IPBES-5/6.

38. The Government of France agreed to extend its generous support to the head of development, who is in charge of implementing the fundraising strategy as part of the IPBES secretariat. This support, initially planned for a two-year period (from February 2018 to February 2020), was extended by two years and seven months, to the end of August 2022.

39. After the seventh session of the Plenary, the secretariat continued its new donor prospecting activities, and in particular its mapping of philanthropic foundations and companies according to criteria such as dependence on biodiversity, willingness to reduce impact on biodiversity, themes supported, membership in the United Nations Global Compact and level of social and environmental risks/controversy according to independent rating agencies. Virtual prospecting meetings were held with foundations and companies meeting these criteria.

40. The budget cuts affecting many companies and the impossibility of organizing fundraising events had a negative impact on fundraising activities in 2020–2021.

41. An amount of \$300,000 was raised from three donors between 2018 and 2020, as shown in table 1. These donations from the private sector were accepted by the Bureau after the required due diligence process, as set out in the UNEP Partnership Policy, and once clearance had been obtained from UNEP.

42. In addition, due diligence has been completed for pledges of \$45,000 per year from 2021 to 2023, and is ongoing for pledges of \$130,000 for 2021, \$130,000 for 2022 and \$20,000 per year from 2021 until 2025.

43. In summary, fundraising efforts so far have yielded a total of \$1.0 million for the period from 2018 to 2025, consisting of \$0.3 million received and \$0.7 million pledged, from six different donors (the three donors from table 1 who already contributed and three prospective donors).

44. In parallel with prospecting activities, the secretariat continued to raise private-sector awareness of IPBES activities, including by disseminating a call for nominations of experts to assist with the scoping of a methodological assessment of business and biodiversity.

B. Draft guidelines that regulate contributions to the work of the Platform from the private sector and non-governmental stakeholders

45. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision IPBES-7/4, the Executive Secretary has prepared the following draft decision on guidelines that regulate contributions to the work of the Platform from the private sector and non-governmental stakeholders, for consideration by the Plenary at its eighth session:

The Plenary,

Recalling the financial procedures for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services adopted in decision IPBES-2/7 and amended in decision IPBES-3/2, in particular Rule 4, Rule 5, and Rule 10,

Decides that:

- (a) Neither logos nor names of private-sector or non-governmental stakeholders donors may appear in the reports⁵ of the Platform;
- (b) All donors providing financial contributions to the trust fund, including private-sector and non-governmental stakeholders, will be acknowledged on the website of the Platform.

⁴ Similar invitations were contained in decisions IPBES-2/7, IPBES-3/2, IPBES-4/2 and IPBES-5/6.

⁵ “Reports” means the main deliverables of the Platform, including assessment reports and synthesis reports, their summaries for policymakers and technical summaries, technical papers and technical guidelines, in line with the procedures for the preparation of Platform deliverables (annex I to decision IPBES-3/3).