

Decision IPBES-7/3: Organization of the Plenary and dates and venues of future sessions of the Plenary

The Plenary

1. *Decides* that the eighth session of the Plenary shall be held in January or February 2021;
2. *Also decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Government of Morocco to host the eighth session of the Plenary in Marrakech, subject to the successful conclusion of a host country agreement;
3. *Requests* the Bureau to finalize the dates for the session in consultation with the host country;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to hold consultations with the Government of Morocco to negotiate a host country agreement, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/243 and in compliance with the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, with a view to concluding and signing the host country agreement as soon as possible, to organize the eighth session of the Plenary in close collaboration with the host country and to invite the members and observers of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to participate in the session;
5. *Invites* members in a position to do so to consider hosting the ninth session of the Plenary, which is scheduled to be held in 2022;
6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to consult members of the Platform that may, during the period leading up to the eighth session of the Plenary, offer to host the ninth session of the Plenary;
7. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Plenary at its eighth session on progress made in the consultations referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision, with a view to the adoption by the Plenary at that session of a decision on the date and venue of its ninth session;
8. *Takes note* of the draft provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Plenary set out in the annex to the present decision;
9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to invite members and observers that are allowed enhanced participation in accordance with decision IPBES-5/4 to provide, by 1 July 2019, written comments on the proposed organization of work of the eighth session of the Plenary;
10. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to finalize the proposed organization of work for the eighth session of the Plenary in line with comments received at the seventh session of the Plenary and written comments received in response to the invitation referred to in paragraph 9 of the present decision.

Annex to decision IPBES-7/3

Draft provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
 - (b) Status of the membership.
3. Admission of observers.
4. Credentials of representatives.
5. Report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the work programme.
6. Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform.

7. Matters related to the implementation of the work programme:
 - (a) Scoping report for a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health;
 - (b) Scoping report for a thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity;
 - (c) Task forces and expert groups.
 8. Organization of the Plenary and dates and venues of future sessions.
 9. Institutional arrangements: United Nations collaborative partnership arrangement for the work of the Platform and its secretariat.
 10. Adoption of the report.
 11. Closure of the session.
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