

IPBES-5/5: Provisional agendas, dates and venues of the sixth and seventh sessions of the Plenary

The Plenary

1. *Decides* that the sixth session of the Plenary of the Platform will be held from Sunday, 18 March 2018, to Saturday, 24 March 2018;
2. *Also decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Government of Colombia to host the sixth session of the Plenary in Medellin, Colombia, subject to the successful conclusion of a host country agreement;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Colombia, 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 sixth session of the Plenary in close collaboration with the host country and to invite the members and observers of the Platform to participate in the session;
4. *Invites* members in a position to do so to consider hosting the seventh session of the Plenary, which is scheduled to take place from Monday, 13 May 2019, to Saturday, 18 May 2019;
5. *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 sixth session of the Plenary, offer to host the seventh session of the Plenary;
6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Plenary at its sixth session on progress in the consultations referred to in paragraph 5 above, with a view to the Plenary's deciding, at that session, on the venue and date of its seventh session;
7. *Takes note* of the draft preliminary agenda for the sixth session of the Plenary¹ and requests the Executive Secretary to finalize the proposed organization of work for the session in line with comments received at the fifth session of the Plenary.

¹ The draft preliminary agenda is set out in annex I to document IPBES/5/12.