

## **IPBES-6/1: Implementation of the first work programme of the Platform**

*The Plenary,*

*Welcoming* the report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the first work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,<sup>1</sup>

*Acknowledging with appreciation* the outstanding contributions made by all the experts involved to date in the implementation of the work programme and thanking them for their unwavering commitment thereto,

*Encouraging* Governments and organizations to participate actively in the implementation of the work programme, in particular through the review of draft deliverables,

### **I**

#### **Implementation of the first work programme of the Platform**

1. *Decides* to proceed with the implementation of the first work programme of the Platform in accordance with the relevant decisions adopted at its previous sessions, the present decision and the approved budget set out in decision IPBES-6/4;

2. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau to consider how to improve the integration and coherence of the work programme across all the functions, expert groups and task forces of the Platform, taking into account the findings of the internal review, and to take steps to improve the transparency and accountability of those groups and task forces;

### **II**

#### **Capacity-building**

*Welcoming* the progress made in implementing the Platform's capacity-building rolling plan,<sup>2</sup>

*Welcoming also* the efforts of partner organizations in support of capacity-building initiatives under the rolling plan,

1. *Requests* the task force on capacity-building to continue implementing the capacity-building rolling plan, and to report to the Plenary at its seventh session on progress in that regard;

2. *Also requests* the task force on capacity-building to hold a third meeting of the capacity-building forum in late 2018, back to back with the meeting of the task force on capacity-building, to further enhance collaboration with other organizations in the implementation of the rolling plan;

3. *Invites* other organizations to join those efforts by offering technical and financial contributions that match identified capacity-building needs;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to organize a capacity-building workshop for national focal points of the Platform, with the participation of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, the Bureau and co-chairs and coordinating lead authors of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, with the aim of facilitating greater engagement of Governments in the review of the second order draft of the global assessment;

### **III**

#### **Knowledge foundations**

*Recalling* its decision IPBES-5/1, section III, paragraphs 1–7, including the request to the Executive Secretary to make the arrangements necessary to implement the approach to recognizing

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<sup>1</sup> IPBES/6/2.

<sup>2</sup> IPBES/6/INF/12.

and working with indigenous and local knowledge, including arrangements for the establishment of the participatory mechanism, subject to the availability of resources,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, supported by the task force on indigenous and local knowledge, in implementing the approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge contained in annex II to decision IPBES-5/1,<sup>3</sup> including the establishment of the participatory mechanism;

2. *Also welcomes* the efforts of indigenous peoples and local communities and partner organizations in support of the approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge, and invites other indigenous peoples and local communities and other organizations to join those efforts;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, working with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and supported by the task force on indigenous and local knowledge, subject to the availability of financial resources, to undertake a consultation process, in partnership with indigenous peoples and local communities, on the application of the participatory mechanism, and to continue implementing the approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge and report to the Plenary at its seventh session on further progress in that regard;

4. *Welcomes* the progress made by the task force on knowledge and data in implementing the workplan for 2017 and 2018;<sup>4</sup>

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, working with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, to step up efforts in catalysing the generation of new knowledge, in particular addressing knowledge gaps identified in the Platform's assessments, using transparent processes in addition to bilateral meetings to mobilize or generate such knowledge and data, subject to the availability of financial resources;

## IV

### Global, regional and subregional assessments

*Welcoming* the progress made in undertaking the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services,<sup>5</sup>

1. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau to facilitate discussions among the co-chairs of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, the regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services and the assessment of land degradation and restoration, Governments and other stakeholders on the lessons learned from the ways in which the concept of "nature's contributions to people" has been introduced and used in the regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services and in the assessment of land degradation and restoration, and how it has been received, in order to assist Governments and other stakeholders in their review of the second draft of the global assessment, noting that the concept is an evolving one;

2. *Requests* the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, working with the co-chairs and coordinating lead authors of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, to ensure that the results of the completed regional, thematic and methodological assessments, as well as any other relevant assessments undertaken by other international bodies, are taken into account in the preparation and finalization of the global assessment;

3. *Requests* the co-chairs of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services to work with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau to ensure that the policy questions set out in the scoping report of the assessment<sup>6</sup> are addressed in the draft summary for policymakers;

4. *Approves* the summary for policymakers of the regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa<sup>7</sup> and accepts the chapters of the assessment including their executive summaries;<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> IPBES/6/INF/13.

<sup>4</sup> IPBES/6/INF/14.

<sup>5</sup> IPBES/6/INF/11.

<sup>6</sup> Decision IPBES-4/1, annex I, para. 3.

<sup>7</sup> IPBES/6/15/Add.1.

<sup>8</sup> IPBES/6/INF/3/Rev.1.

5. *Also approves* the summary for policymakers of the regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for the Americas<sup>9</sup> and accepts the chapters of the assessment including their executive summaries;<sup>10</sup>

6. *Further approves* the summary for policymakers of the regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Asia and the Pacific<sup>11</sup> and accepts the chapters of the assessment including their executive summaries;<sup>12</sup>

7. *Approves* the summary for policymakers of the regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Europe and Central Asia<sup>13</sup> and accepts the chapters of the assessment including their executive summaries;<sup>14</sup>

## V

### Thematic assessments

1. *Approves* the summary for policymakers of the thematic assessment of land degradation and restoration<sup>15</sup> and accepts the chapters of the thematic assessment including their executive summaries;<sup>16</sup>

2. *Approves* the undertaking of a thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables<sup>17</sup> and as outlined in the scoping report set out in annex IV to decision IPBES-5/1, following the sixth session of the Plenary, for consideration by the Plenary by no later than at its tenth session;

3. *Also approves* the undertaking of a thematic assessment of invasive alien species in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables<sup>18</sup> and as outlined in the scoping report set out in annex III to decision IPBES-4/1, following the seventh session of the Plenary, for consideration by the Plenary at its tenth session;

4. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, according to the needs for each chapter of those assessments, to appoint no more than eight lead authors per chapter, and to consider, during the selection process, the ability of the proposed authors to contribute fully to the assessment;

5. *Also requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to ensure that the co-chairs of those assessments are aware of the policy on unresponsive authors;

6. *Recognizes* the valuable contribution that the multilateral environmental agreements associated with the Platform and the United Nations partners (United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Development Programme) can make to this process;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To initiate the assessment referred to in paragraph 2 of the present decision by convening a workshop to consult, based on the scope of the assessment,<sup>19</sup> with the appropriate multilateral environmental agreements and United Nations partners with respect to ongoing work on sustainable use in those forums;

(b) To invite participants to the workshop, who may include representatives of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant international entities currently working on sustainable use, including the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat, the United

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<sup>9</sup> IPBES/6/15/Add.2.

<sup>10</sup> IPBES/6/INF/4/Rev.1.

<sup>11</sup> IPBES/6/15/Add.3.

<sup>12</sup> IPBES/6/INF/5/Rev.1.

<sup>13</sup> IPBES/6/15/Add.4.

<sup>14</sup> IPBES/6/INF/6/Rev.1.

<sup>15</sup> IPBES/6/15/Add.5.

<sup>16</sup> IPBES/6/INF/1/Rev.1.

<sup>17</sup> Decision IPBES-3/3, annex I.

<sup>18</sup> Decision IPBES-3/3, annex I.

<sup>19</sup> Decision IPBES-5/1, annex IV.

Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, the International Tropical Timber Organization, the United Nations Forum on Forests, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the International Union for Conservation of Nature, as well as the Platform's United Nations partners;

(c) To prepare workshop proceedings, which would include information on ongoing work on sustainable use of wild species referred to in paragraph 7 (a) of the present decision and would, together with the outcomes of the workshop, serve as an input to the assessment process, informing in particular the work of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, the Bureau and the assessment experts in relation to the assessment;

## VI

### Methodological assessments

*Recalling* its decision IPBES-5/1, section VI, paragraphs 3 and 5,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made and next steps planned by the expert group on scenarios and models;<sup>20</sup>
2. *Also welcomes* the progress made by the expert group on values;<sup>21</sup>
3. *Approves* the undertaking of a methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables<sup>22</sup> and as outlined in the scoping report set out in annex VI to decision IPBES-4/1, following the sixth session of the Plenary, for consideration by the Plenary at its ninth session;
4. *Requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, according to the needs of each chapter of that assessment, to appoint no more than eight lead authors per chapter, and to consider, during the selection process, the ability of the proposed authors to contribute fully to the assessment;
5. *Also requests* the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel to ensure that the co-chairs of that assessment are aware of the non-responsive authors policy;

## VII

### Catalogue of policy tools and methodologies

1. *Welcomes* the progress made and next steps planned regarding the development of the online catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies and the provision of guidance to ongoing Platform assessments,<sup>23</sup> and requests the expert group on policy support tools and methodologies to further develop the online catalogue and the guidance to Platform assessments by implementing activities to further increase the uptake of those tools and methodologies by policymakers and practitioners, and to report to the Plenary at its seventh session on progress in that regard;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, the Bureau and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, subject to the availability of resources, to refine the structure and functionality of the catalogue, its visualization, access, and validation procedures, and to ensure that additional efforts are made to invite Governments and stakeholders to provide input to the catalogue, and that the catalogue is integrated into the other functions of the Platform, comprising assessments, capacity-building, and knowledge generation and communication;
3. *Welcomes* the efforts of partner organizations, Governments and stakeholders in contributing information for inclusion in the online catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies, and invites other organizations, Governments and stakeholders to join those efforts by submitting relevant information for inclusion in the online catalogue;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that relevant elements from the regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services and the assessment of land degradation and restoration are included in the catalogue;

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<sup>20</sup> IPBES/6/INF/15.

<sup>21</sup> IPBES/6/INF/18.

<sup>22</sup> Decision IPBES-3/3, annex I.

<sup>23</sup> IPBES/6/INF/16.

5. *Encourages* the authors of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services and other assessments of the Platform to utilize the content of the catalogue in the development of their assessments;

## VIII

### **Review of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

*Recalling* its decision IPBES-5/2,

1. *Takes note* of the report prepared by the internal review team,<sup>24</sup> and the selection of the members of the review panel to perform the review and of an external professional organization to coordinate the review;<sup>25</sup>
2. *Requests* the Bureau, the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the secretariat to consider which of the issues identified in the internal review and lessons learned could be addressed in the current work programme, including with regard to the implementation of any pending assessments approved by the Plenary at its sixth session and the full implementation and better integration of the four functions of the Platform;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to initiate arrangements for the external review at the earliest opportunity after the sixth session of the Plenary;
4. *Urges* members of the Platform and all other stakeholders to respond to the review team when invited to contribute to the review and within the set time frame;

## IX

### **Technical support for the work programme**

*Requests* the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau and in accordance with the approved budget set out in the annex to decision IPBES-6/4, to establish the institutional arrangements necessary to operationalize the technical support required for the work programme.

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<sup>24</sup> IPBES/6/INF/32.

<sup>25</sup> IPBES/6/10.