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**Rules and procedures for the operation of the Platform:
nomination and selection of members of the
Multidisciplinary Expert Panel****Multidisciplinary Expert Panel: nomination and selection
process and proposals received for members of the Panel****Note by the secretariat**

1. At its second session, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, held in Antalya, Turkey, from 9 to 14 December 2013, adopted decision IPBES-2/1 on amendments to the rules of procedure for the Plenary with regard to rules governing the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel. As part of that decision, an agreement was reached on the guidelines for the nomination and selection of members of the Panel, as set out in rules 26 and 27, and the procedure for the election of members of the Panel, as set out in rule 28.
2. In accordance with rule 26, candidates for the Panel are to be proposed by members of the Platform for nomination by regions and election by the Plenary. Taking into account disciplinary and gender balance, each region will nominate five candidates for membership of the Panel. In addition, rule 26 provides criteria to be taken into account in nominating and selecting members of the Panel, including the following:
 - (a) Scientific expertise in biodiversity and ecosystem services with regard to both natural and social sciences and traditional and local knowledge among the members of the Panel;
 - (b) Scientific, technical or policy expertise and knowledge of the main elements of the programme of work of the Platform;
 - (c) Experience in communicating, promoting and incorporating science into policy development processes;
 - (d) Ability to work in international scientific and policy processes.
3. In addition, in decision IPBES-2/2, the Plenary provided further guidance on the nomination and selection process, which included the following:
 - (a) The need to ensure that the Panel reflects regional, gender and disciplinary balance consistent with the rules of procedure, in particular rule 26;
 - (b) The final choice of the nominees of each regional grouping is the responsibility of that grouping;
 - (c) The interim Panel was to prepare a report by June 2014, reflecting the lessons learned with regard to its functioning and how it could be improved;

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(d) The regional groupings, in submitting nominations of Panel members, should take into account the need for gender balance and disciplinary diversity with a view to attaining overall gender and disciplinary balance on the Panel;

(e) The regional groupings should begin consultations on possible nominees early and engage with their respective Bureau members, as appropriate, to facilitate discussions within and across the regions to ensure a balanced Panel;

(f) The regional groupings should solicit nominations for potential Panel candidates from the widest range of stakeholders;

(g) Each regional grouping should consider nominating one to three Panel members for a further term to ensure continuity within the Panel;

(h) By the end of the first work programme, the Panel and the Bureau should assess the functionality of the United Nations regional structure in ensuring the most appropriate regional balance of the Panel to evaluate and propose options for the regional distribution of Panel members.

4. In accordance with rule 29, the term of office of all the Panel members is three years, with a possibility of re-election for one consecutive term.

5. To this end, the secretariat, in accordance with rule 27, invited members of the Platform to submit to the secretariat written nominations and accompanying curricula vitae of nominees for the Panel no later than 15 August 2014. The invitation was accompanied by a guidance document (see IPBES/3/INF/16) on the process for the proposal by members of the Platform, nomination by regions and selection by the Plenary of the members of the Panel in consideration of regional, gender and disciplinary balance consistent with the rules of procedure for the Plenary, the functions, operating principles and institutional arrangements of the Platform and the relevant decisions taken at the second session of the Plenary (see para. 2 above). In addition and as requested by the Plenary, the interim Panel prepared a report in May 2014, reflecting the lessons learned with regard to its functioning and suggesting how it could be improved (IPBES/3/INF/16, annex II).

6. At the beginning of September 2014, the names and curricula vitae of all nominees, along with the identity of the country making the nomination, were made available on the Platform website and presented to the five corresponding regions. The list included current interim Panel members renominated for another term, in line with the recommendation of the Plenary at its third session (see para. 3 (g) above) and of the interim Panel in its report relating to lessons learned.

7. The Bureau of the Plenary also agreed to hold regional consultations immediately prior to the third session of the Plenary (see IPBES/3/1/Add.1) to facilitate inter- and intra-regional consultations for the selection of the Panel.

8. The present note sets out the list of all nominees received as at 15 August 2014 for consideration by the Plenary of the Platform at its third session. The curricula vitae of all nominees are set out in documents IPBES/3/INF/15 and Add.1–6.

Proposals received for members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (as at 15 August 2014)

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
African States			
Benin	Etotépé Sogbohossou	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi	Female
Cameroon	Prudence Galega	Technical Adviser, Ministry of Environment and Protection of Nature	Female
Egypt	Mostafa Fouda ^a	Adviser on Biodiversity, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency	Male
Ethiopia	Sebsebe Demissew ^a	Professor of Botany, Faculty of Life Sciences, Addis Ababa University	Male
Gabon	Jean Bruno Mikissa ^a	Deputy Director General, National School of Water and Forests	Male
Kenya	Agnes Muthumbi	Senior Lecturer, School of Biological Sciences, University of Nairobi	Female
Kenya	Gideon Nyamasyo	Associate Professor in Biology, School of Biological Sciences, University of Nairobi	Male
Kenya	Stella Simiyu	Technical Adviser, Ministry of Environment	Female
Madagascar	Voahangy Raharimalala	Chief of Environmental Information System Unit, State Office for the Environment	Female
Madagascar	Ivy Sahoby Randriamahaleo	Technical Assistant, Ministry of the Environment, Ecology and Forests, Directorate-General of Forests	Male
Morocco	Mohamed Dakki	Professor, Scientific Institute, Mohammed V-Agdal University	Male
Niger	Hamissou Halilou Malam Garba	Head of Division, Ministry of the Environment, Urban Health and Sustainable Development	Male
Senegal	Charlotte Karibuhoye Said	Regional Programme Coordinator for Marine Protected Areas, Fondation Internationale du Banc d'Arguin	Female
South Africa	Kiruben Naicker	Director, Science Policy Interface, Department of Environmental Affairs	Male
Sudan	Mohamed Abbas	Water Resources Engineer, Ministry of Water Resources and Electricity	Male
Sudan	Asia Mohamed	Lecturer and Researcher, Institute of Environmental Studies, University of Khartoum	Female
Uganda	Samson Gwali	Programme Leader/Senior Research Officer, National Forestry Resources Research Institute	Male
Uganda	Evelyn Lutalo	District Support Officer, National Environment Management Authority	Female
United Republic of Tanzania	George Kafumu	Member and Co-Chair of the National REDD Task Force, Division of Environment, Office of the Vice-President	Male
Asia-Pacific States			
Afghanistan	Ghulam Mohd Malikyar	Senior Environmental Technical Adviser, National Environmental Protection Agency	Male
Bangladesh	Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir	Associate Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka	Male
China	Bojie Fu	Professor, State Key Laboratory of Urban and Regional Ecology, Research Centre for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Male
China	Yi Huang	Professor, Centre of Environmental Sciences, College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Peking University	Female
China	Junsheng Li	Research Fellow, Vice-President, Institute of Environmental Ecology, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences	Male

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
China	Haigen Xu	Professor and Deputy Director-General, Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences, Ministry of Environmental Protection of China	Male
Fiji	Randolph Thaman ^a	Professor, School of Geography, Earth Science and Environment, Faculty of Science, Technology and Environment, University of the South Pacific	Male
India	Vinod Mathur ^a	Director, Wildlife Institute of India	Male
Indonesia	Rosichon Ubaidillah	Head of Zoology Section, Centre for Biological Research, Indonesian Institute of Sciences; Researcher, Zoologicum Bogoriense Museum	Male
Japan	Yoshihisa Shirayama ^a	Executive Director of Science, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology	Male
Malaysia	Leng Guan Saw	Director, Forest Biodiversity Division, Forest Research Institute of Malaysia	Male
Maldives	Hussein Zahir	Coral Coordinator, Climate Change Trust Fund, Wetland Conservation and Coral Reef Monitoring, Ministry of Housing and Environment	Male
Nepal	Krishna Chandra Paudel	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment	Male
Pakistan	Syed Najam Khurshid	Chief Technical Adviser, Global Environmental Management Services	Male
Philippines	Vincent V. Hilomen	Executive Director for Priority Programmes, Biodiversity Management Bureau	Male
Philippines	Nina Rivera Ingle	Acting Principal, High School Unit, Ateneo de Davao University	Female
Philippines	Perry S. Ong	Professor in Wildlife Biology, Institute of Biology, University of the Philippines	Male
Philippines	Elpidio Ven Peria	Practising Lawyer, Elpidio V. Peria Legal and Legislative Consultancy	Male
Eastern European States			
Albania	Djana Bejko	Vice Minister, Ministry of Environment of Albania	Female
Belarus	Ruslan Novitsky	Head of Ecological Impact of Environmental Transformations, Scientific and Practical Centre for Bioresources, National Academy of Science of Belarus (NASB) (former NASB Institute of Zoology)	Male
Croatia	Roman Ozimec	Independent Researcher	Male
Croatia	Maja Vasiljević	Chair, Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)	Female
Georgia	Tamar Pataridze ^a	Head of the Service, Forest Policy Service, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia	Female
Hungary	György Pataki ^a	Associate Professor and Research Director, Department of Environmental Economics and Technology, Institute of Environmental Sciences, Corvinus University of Budapest	Male
Hungary	Katalin Török	Researcher, Centre for Ecological Research, Institute of Ecology and Botany	Female
Russian Federation	Yury Dgebuadze	Deputy Director, A. N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Russian Academy of Sciences	Male
Russian Federation	Victoria Elias	Programme Director, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) -Russia	Female
Russian Federation	Roustam Sagitov	Associate Professor, St. Petersburg State University	Male
Russian Federation	Nikolay Sobolev	Senior Scientific Researcher, Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences	Male
Russian Federation	Alexandr Sorokin		Male

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Slovakia	Rastislav Rybanič	Director General, Department of Nature Protection and Landscape Development, and Head of Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems, Ministry of Environment of Slovakia	Male
Turkey	Günay Erpul ^a	Professor, Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ankara	Male
Turkey	Nihan Yenilmez-Arpa	Assistant Coordinator, General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks, Department of National Parks, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs	Female
Latin American and Caribbean States			
Argentina	Sandra Diaz ^a	Full Professor of Community and Ecosystems, Department of Biological Diversity and Ecology, School of Exact Physical and Natural Sciences, National University of Córdoba	Female
Argentina	Maria Gabriela Palomo	Senior Researcher, National Commission of Science and Technology (CONICET)	Female
Argentina	Gervasio Piñeiro	Adjunct Professor in Ecology, Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Agronomy, University of Buenos Aires	Male
Argentina	Sergio Zalba	Professor of General Biology and Conservation Biology, Department of Biology, Biochemistry and Pharmacy, Universidad Nacional del Sur	Male
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Diego Pacheco	Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Environment and Water	Male
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Carlos Ivan Zambrana Flores	Graduate Lecturer, Military School of Engineering (EMI), La Paz	Male
Brazil	Mercedes Bustamante	Associate Professor, Department of Ecology, Institute of Biological Sciences, University of Brasília	Female
Brazil	Manuela da Cunha	Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago	Female
Brazil	Carlos Joly ^a	Professor, Department of Plant Ecology, Institute of Biology, State University of Campinas	Male
Brazil	Fabio Scarano	Associate Professor of Plant Ecology, Department of Ecology, Institute of Biology, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro	Male
Colombia	Brigitte Baptiste	General Director, Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Research on Biological Resources	Female
Dominican Republic	Venecia Álvarez	Head of the Environment, Science and Technology Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic	Female
Dominican Republic	Yocasta Sixtina Valenzuela Arias	Director, Department for the Monitoring of International Environmental Conventions, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	Female
Guatemala	Edgar Pérez ^a	Vice President, Foundation for Rural Development	Male
Mexico	César Domínguez	Department of Biodiversity Ecology, Institute of Ecology, National Autonomous University of Mexico	Male
Mexico	Rodrigo Medellín	Researcher, Department of Biodiversity Ecology, Institute of Ecology, National Autonomous University of Mexico	Male
Mexico	Daniel Piñero	Department of Biodiversity Ecology, Institute of Ecology, National Autonomous University of Mexico	Male
Mexico	Víctor Sánchez-Cordero	Researcher, Department of Zoology, Institute of Biology, National Autonomous University of Mexico	Male
Peru	Marina Rosales Benites de Franco	Head of Biological Diversity in Protected Areas, National Service of Protected Natural Areas	Female
Trinidad and Tobago	Floyd Homer ^a	Biodiversity Specialist, Multilateral Environmental Agreements Unit, Environmental Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Environment and Water Resources	Male

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Uruguay	Susana González	Researcher, School of Science, University of the Republic	Female
Western European and other States			
Australia	Mark Lonsdale ^a	Biodiversity Portfolio Director, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	Male
Canada	Jake Rice	Chief Scientist, Department of Fisheries and Oceans	Male
Canada	Sara Wilson	Principal, Natural Capital Research and Consulting	Female
France	Paul Leadley ^a	Professor and Director, Ecology, Systematics and Evolution Laboratory, University of Paris-Sud, France	Male
France	Marie Roué	Senior Research Director, Laboratory of Eco-anthropology and Ethnobiology, National Museum of Natural History (MNHN)	Female
Ireland	James Wilson	Professor, Zoology and Environmental Science, Trinity College, University of Dublin	Male
Netherlands	Christian Mulder	Senior scientist, Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), (Bilthoven)	Male
Spain	Urbano Fra Paleo	Professor, University of Extremadura, Campus Universitario	Male
Spain	Esteban Manrique Reol	Research Professor, Department of Biogeography and Global Change, National Museum of Natural Sciences (MNCN-CSIC)	Male
Spain	Unai Pascual	Research Professor, Ikerbasque (Basque Foundation for Science), Basque Centre for Climate Change, Bilbao	Male
Spain	Luis E. Santamaría Galdón	Tenured Researcher, Department of Wetland Ecology, Doñana Biological Station (EBD-CSIC)	Male
Sweden	Marie Stenseke	Professor in Human Geography, Department of Economy and Society, Gothenburg University	Female
Switzerland	Markus Fischer	Director, Institute of Plant Sciences, University of Bern	Male
United States of America	Judith Weis	Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Rutgers University	Female
Observer States			
Armenia	Aram Aghasyan	Head of Protected Areas Management Department, Bioresources Management Agency, Ministry of Nature Protection, the Republic of Armenia	Male
Kazakhstan	Vitaliy Gromov	Deputy Director, Fauna Laboratories, Ltd.	Male
Kazakhstan	Elina Maltseva	Junior Researcher, Institute of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Kazakhstan	Female

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