

IPBES 4-4: Communication, stakeholder engagement and strategic partnerships

The Plenary,

Recognizing the importance of stakeholder engagement and strategic partnerships for the success of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in seeking to strengthen the science-policy interface,

I

Communications and outreach strategy

Takes note of progress made regarding the communication and outreach strategy;¹

II

Stakeholder engagement strategy

1. *Takes note* of the progress made by the stakeholders of the Platform in, and the in-kind contributions made towards, the self-organization and structuring of an open-ended network of stakeholders since the third session of the Plenary;²
2. *Welcomes* strategic partnerships between open-ended networks of stakeholders and the Platform;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the open-ended networks of stakeholders, undertake the activities set out in the initial implementation plan of the stakeholder engagement strategy³ and finalize the institutional arrangements needed to establish such strategic partnerships;

III

Guidance on strategic partnerships

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to finalize memoranda of cooperation with the secretariats of the individual multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services and the secretariat of the Platform;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Plenary at its fifth session and regularly thereafter on outreach and collaboration with other relevant international bodies;

¹ IPBES/4/INF/15.

² IPBES/4/INF/16.

³ Decision IPBES-3/4, annex II, appendix.