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CALL FOR INPUT

Call for input regarding the organization of work of the seventh session of the Plenary (by 1 June 2018)

Dear IPBES members and other interested stakeholders,

The IPBES Plenary, at its 6th session, held from 18 to 24 March 2018 in Medellin, Colombia, decided that the 7th session of the Plenary will be held from Monday, 29 April to Saturday, 4 May 2019 in Paris, France (decision IPBES-6/3).

At its 7th session, the Plenary will be invited to consider the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The Plenary will also conduct regular elections for the membership of the Bureau and receive a report from the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the first work programme. Furthermore, the Plenary will receive the final report on the review of IPBES at the end of its work programme and will be invited to consider and approve a strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the work programme of IPBES.

The Bureau had suggested that the consideration of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services take place in a plenary setting, rather than in a contact group. In light of that suggestion, the 7th session was scheduled over six days, from Monday to Saturday.

In response to a request by the Plenary, I would like to invite members and observers that are allowed enhanced participation in accordance with decision IPBES-5/4, to provide, by **1 June 2018**, written comments on the [draft organization of work of the 7th session of the Plenary](#) by email to the secretariat: secretariat@ipbes.net

We are looking forward to receiving your contributions and comments.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Secretary

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Draft organization of work for the seventh session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday, 28 April 2019</i>	<i>Monday, 29 April 2019</i>	<i>Tuesday, 30 April 2019</i>	<i>Wednesday, 1 May 2019</i>	<i>Thursday, 2 May 2019</i>	<i>Friday, 3 May 2019</i>	<i>Saturday, 4 May 2019</i>		
8–10 a.m.	Regional consultations and stakeholder consultations	Regional consultations	Regional consultations	Regional consultations	Regional consultations	Regional consultations		Regional consultations	
10–10.30 a.m.		Plenary Opening; organizational matters; admission of observers; credentials; report of the Executive Secretary; budget	Plenary Global assessment	Plenary Global assessment	Plenary Global assessment	Contact group Future work programme	Contact group Budget	Plenary Election of members of the Bureau; adoption of decisions	
10.30–11 a.m.									
11–11.30 a.m.									
11.30–noon									
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12.30–1 p.m.						Contact group Budget			
1–1.30 p.m.									
1.30–2 p.m.									
2–2.30 p.m.									
2.30–3 p.m.									
3–3.30 p.m.		Plenary Review of IPBES; Future work programme; future sessions; UN collaborative partnership arrangements	Plenary Global assessment	Contact group Review; future work programme	Contact group Budget	Plenary Global assessment	Contact group Future work programme	Contact group Budget	Plenary Adoption of decisions; closure of the session
3.30–4 p.m.									
4–4.30 p.m.									
4.30–5 p.m.									
5–5.30 p.m.									
5.30–6 p.m.	Opening ceremony								
6–6.30 p.m.									
6.30–7 p.m.									
7–7.30 p.m.	Reception	Plenary Global assessment	Contact group Review; future work programme	Contact group Budget	Plenary Global assessment	(pending items)			
7.30–8 p.m.									
8–8.30 p.m.									
8.30–9 p.m.									
9–9.30 p.m.									
9.30–10 p.m.									
10–10.30 p.m.									