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## **Call for requests, inputs and suggestions on short-term priorities and longer term strategic needs for the future work programme of IPBES (deadline: 30 September 2018)**

Dear IPBES Members and other Stakeholders,

The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) herewith call for requests, inputs and suggestions on short-term priorities and longer term strategic needs that require attention and action by IPBES as part of its future work programme.

In accordance with decision IPBES-6/2, the Panel and the Bureau invite:

- a) IPBES members, observers that are allowed enhanced participation in accordance with decision IPBES-5/4, and multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services as determined by the respective governing bodies of those agreements, to submit requests;
- b) United Nations bodies related to biodiversity and ecosystem services and relevant stakeholders, such as other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional scientific organizations, environment-related trust funds, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and the private sector to submit inputs and suggestions;
- c) Experts on, and holders of, indigenous and local knowledge to provide inputs and suggestions through the participatory mechanism of IPBES.

Requests, inputs and suggestions should be submitted, using the [template for submission](#), to the secretariat at [secretariat@ipbes.net](mailto:secretariat@ipbes.net) by **30 September 2018**.

The Panel and the Bureau will consider and prioritize the requests, inputs and suggestions in accordance with the considerations outlined in paragraph 7 of decision IPBES-1/3 (listed in the [template for submissions](#)) and prepare a report. Specific themes and activities emerging as priorities from the requests, inputs and suggestions will, together with ongoing work on the strategic framework, constitute the basis for the draft future work programme of IPBES, to be considered by the Plenary at its seventh session (29 April to 4 May 2019, Paris, France).

We are looking forward to receiving your requests, inputs and suggestions on short-term priorities and longer term strategic needs that require attention and action by IPBES as part of its future work programme.

Yours sincerely,



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