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**Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy  
Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services****Seventh session**

Paris, 29 April–4 May 2019

Item 10 of the provisional agenda\*

**Organization of the Plenary and dates and venues of  
future sessions of the Plenary****Organization of work of the Plenary and dates and venues of  
future sessions of the Plenary****Note by the secretariat****Introduction**

1. In its decision IPBES-6/3, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) invited members in a position to do so to consider hosting the eighth session of the Plenary, which is scheduled to take place in 2020.
2. Section I of the present note sets out information on the organization of the eighth session of the Plenary, and section II information on the ninth session of the Plenary. A draft decision on these matters is set out in the note by the secretariat on draft decisions for the seventh session of the Plenary (IPBES/7/1/Add.2).

**I. Organization of the eighth session of the Plenary**

3. In accordance with decision IPBES-6/3, the eighth session of the Plenary is scheduled to be held in 2020. As at 1 December 2018, the secretariat had not received any offers to host the eighth session. Members intending to offer to host the session are encouraged to inform the secretariat of that intention and to submit a formal offer as soon as possible, preferably before the opening of the seventh session of the Plenary.
4. For the eighth session, no regular elections are scheduled and no completed assessments will be submitted for consideration by the Plenary. In line with decision IPBES-6/1, the Plenary will be invited to consider the assessment on values and the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species at its ninth session, and the assessment of invasive alien species at its tenth session.
5. It is expected that the Plenary, at its seventh session, will adopt a flexible work programme for IPBES for the period to 2030. In addition, the Plenary may wish to mandate, at its seventh session, the preparation of one or several detailed scoping reports for consideration at its eighth session. A draft provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Plenary is set out in annex I to the present note.

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\* IPBES/7/1.

6. In the light of the draft provisional agenda, the eighth session has been scheduled to be held over five days. A draft organization of work for the eighth session of the Plenary, based on the draft provisional agenda, is set out in annex II to the present note.

7. In keeping with the customary time frame for the scheduling of sessions of the Plenary, it is suggested that the eighth session of the Plenary be held in June or July 2020.

8. If no member offers to host the eighth session of the Plenary, it will be held in Bonn, Germany, where the secretariat is located. As no conference facilities will be available at that location during the period April–July 2020, the eighth session of the Plenary may need to be held from 17 to 21 August 2020.

9. The Plenary is invited to provide guidance on the organization of its eighth session and to request the secretariat to take that guidance into account when finalizing the provisional agenda and organization of work for the session. The Plenary is also invited to decide on the venue of the eighth session.

## **II. Organization of the ninth session of the Plenary**

10. The ninth session of the Plenary is expected to be held in the second half of 2021. Members intending to offer to host the session are encouraged to inform the secretariat of that intention and to submit a formal offer as soon as possible.

11. The work of the Plenary at its ninth session will include the consideration of the assessment on values and the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species. Regular elections for membership of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel will also be held at that session.

## Annex I

### **Draft provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
  - (b) Status of the membership of the Platform.
3. Admission of observers to the eighth session of the Plenary of the Platform.
4. Credentials of representatives.
5. Report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the work programme of the Platform up to 2030.
6. Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform
7. Matters related to the implementation of the work programme for the Platform up to 2030:
  - (a) Scoping report for an assessment of [x];<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) Scoping report for an assessment of [y];<sup>2</sup>
  - (c) Matters related to task forces and expert groups.
8. Organization of the Plenary; dates and venues of future sessions of the Plenary.
9. Institutional arrangements: United Nations collaborative partnership arrangements for the work of the Platform and its secretariat.
10. Adoption of the decisions and report of the session.
11. Closure of the session.

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<sup>1</sup> In line with decision IPBES-7/-- on the next work programme of IPBES.

<sup>2</sup> In line with decision IPBES-7/-- on the next work programme of IPBES.

## Annex II

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

<i>Time</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>		<i>Thursday</i>		<i>Friday</i>	
8–10 a.m.	Regional consultations and stakeholder consultations	Regional consultations	Regional consultations		Regional consultations		Regional consultations		Regional consultations	
10–10.30 a.m.		Regional consultations and stakeholder consultations	<b>Plenary</b> Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	<b>Working group I</b> Item 7 (a)	<b>Contact group</b> Item 7 (c)	<b>Working group I</b> Item 7 (a)	<b>Contact group</b> Item 7 (c)	<b>Contact group</b> Item 6	<b>Working group II</b> Item 7 (b)	<b>Plenary</b> Item 10
10.30–11 a.m.										
11–11.30 a.m.										
11.30–noon										
Noon–12.30 p.m.										
12.30–1 p.m.										
1–1.30 p.m.			<b>Contact group</b> Item 6							
1.30–2 p.m.										
2–2.30 p.m.										
2.30–3 p.m.										
3–3.30 p.m.			<b>Plenary</b> Items 7, 8, 9	<b>Working group I</b> Item 7 (a)	<b>Contact group</b> Item 7 (c)	<b>Contact group</b> Item 6	<b>Working group II</b> Item 7 (b)	<b>Contact group</b> Item 6	<b>Working group II</b> Item 7 (b)	<b>Plenary</b> Items 10, 11
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.										
6–6.30 p.m.	<b>Opening ceremony</b>							<b>(document preparation)</b>		
6.30–7 p.m.										
7–7.30 p.m.										
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.										