ONet Initiative on
Curating biodiversity events for IPBES stakeholders

Title of Initiative	Curating biodiversity events for IPBES stakeholders
Lead[1]	Ariadne Ayres
Start of Initiative[2]	On 01.04.2025
Submission of 1st Progress report[3]	By 30.06.2025

Summary of Initiative

Rationale

The challenge, opportunity, or gap that this initiative addresses, relevant to ONet's role in engaging stakeholders in IPBES processes. Please be as specific as possible.

ONet is responsible for facilitating and enhancing stakeholder engagement, connecting stakeholders with IPBES and other stakeholders, in addition to promoting capacity building that reflects the diversity of its members. To achieve these goals, it is crucial to provide an informative channel through which stakeholders can access relevant opportunities to strengthen their capacities and learn more about IPBES initiatives and related themes. Given the wide range of learning opportunities available - such as meetings, lectures, workshops, and other events - this initiative aims to promote activities organized by IPBES itself, selected organizations, and universities, helping to disseminate up-to-date information to our members regularly. Events are key to reaching new audiences for ONet and IPBES, as we can spark their interest. This initiative also aims to look for other organizations whose events should be more prominently promoted, seeking out, for example, events with Global South and Indigenous scholars.

Vision

What success looks like: the intended impact or outcome for stakeholders and/or IPBES.

Through the ONet website and newsletter, we can reach a wide range of stakeholders, drawing attention to IPBES's work, showcasing how its materials are used in various contexts, and addressing essential themes related to biodiversity and ecosystem services. ONet is actively

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[1] If an initiative has co-leads, their tasks must be clearly assigned in the concept note.
[2] Initiatives start on the first of a month to support subsequent reporting. They may be backdated.
[3] The 1st progress report needs to be submitted by the end of the 2nd month of the initiative.

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engaged and connected with other member organizations across different continents, allowing the events we promote to reflect the cultural diversity of our members. In this way, we can provide valuable content to the ONET community and becoming a one-stop window for IPBES-related events stakeholders will consistently refer to.

Expected Outputs

Tangible deliverables (e.g., reports, events, tools, outreach materials).

A meaningful, collaborative, and regularly updated events page on the ONET website curated based on relevant opportunities found through selected organizations' pages, social media, and the IPBES website. The page can serve as a dynamic hub for engagement. By fostering a welcoming environment that embraces diverse scopes, cultures, and types of events, ONet can spark curiosity, deepen engagement, and enhance the knowledge of its members. To achieve this, we aim to create a text template to invite the ONet community to share and promote events from their own organizations on the website.

Alignment with ONet Values and IPBES

How this initiative reflects ONet's mission of inclusive stakeholder engagement and supports IPBES's objectives. Please refer to the IPBES Objectives and ONet Terms of Reference as appropriate.

Bridging relevant events to IPBES stakeholders is closely aligned with IPBES Objective 1: assessing knowledge; Objective 2: building capacity; and Objective 5: communicating and engaging. This initiative also supports ONet's goal to facilitate and maximize capacity building for network members by providing information about diverse events that can help them develop expertise and participate in different arenas of discussion.

Activities

Roadmap

Milestones and timeline (initiatives start on the first of a month).

By 05/25: Catch up with newsletters from selected organizations and identify diverse sources of interesting events to promote to ONET members. Aim to post relevant events once or twice a week, especially those promoted by IPBES and IPBES experts (as found on social media). By 06/25: Review the current sources for events from a diversity and inclusion perspective, add new sources as appropriate and publish a guideline on the current sources being reviewed, including criteria for inclusion and exclusion, on the initiative website/ONet drive. By 06/25: Create a text template to invite the ONet community to share and promote events from their own organizations on the website. By 12/25: Maintain the frequency of posting at least one to two relevant events per week. Provide ongoing curation of the events section on the website, including external events submitted by non-FT members. This initiative is also intended to support the organization of future ONet Caucus events within the ONet community to discuss

IPBES assessments and processes, and to promote events in collaboration with IPBES Communities of Practice and ONet member organisations.

Resources and Collaboration

Specific resources from ONet or external partners in support of this initiative. This includes collaborations with other ONet initiatives. Examples include technical advice, tools, promotions or networking.

This initiative aims to curate and select appropriate events with the support of reliable sources, including the IPBES website and social media channels like LinkedIn, newsletters, and the social media platforms of member organizations. It is expected to benefit from the active engagement and suggestions of the IPBES stakeholder community, as well as the support of the ONET Facilitation Team and other ONET initiatives, especially the ONet Membership and the Teaching and Technology Initiative, to understand who the members are so we can promote events more aligned with the interests of our network.

☒ I confirm that I lead this initiative and am responsible for its implementation.

☒ I confirm that this initiative has been reviewed by two members of the facilitation team and that I have updated it accordingly.
My two reviewers were Pamela R. Braga and Maja Leonie Metzger.

☒ I confirm that I am submitting a progress report by the end of every second month beginning from the start of the initiative to onet.ipbes@gmail.com. If progress reports are not sent on time, steps for escalation and potential archiving apply, per ONet guidelines.

30.04.2025, Ariadne Ayres
Date and name and of the initiative lead[4]

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This initiative was presented and approved by the ONet facilitation team in the ONet special approval session on 30.04.2025.

05.05.2025, Maja Leonie Metzger
Date and name of the assigned ONet facilitator

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[4] Typing the name accounts as signing this document. Initiative leads can additionally express the interest to add their signature on the PDF via e-mail to onet.ipbes@gmail.com.

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