

ONet Initiative on Developing teaching/learning materials based on IPBES outputs

Section to be completed by the initiative lead.

Title of Initiative	Developing teaching/learning materials based on IPBES outputs
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Start of Initiative²	On 01.05.2025
Submission of 1st Progress report³	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.

While newsletters, events, and communities of practice already support two-way communication between ONet members and IPBES, there is still room for new forms of collaboration and meaningful interaction among members, thereby enhancing stakeholder engagement. Previous experiences with social media engagement and open forums have proven inefficient in facilitating meaningful interaction. Therefore, this initiative aims to address this gap. Promoting targeted collaboration among members in the co-creation of teaching materials based on IPBES outputs will test this approach as a different form of stakeholder engagement. The decision to focus on teaching materials is grounded in our prior knowledge that IPBES outputs, such as the assessment reports and summaries for policy makers, are already being used in educational contexts. This approach holds significant potential to increase the impact and outreach of IPBES findings.

Vision

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

This initiative will enhance the impact of IPBES outputs by co-creating educational material among IPBES stakeholders, thereby encouraging their application in teaching and learning contexts. Stakeholders involved will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful collaboration,

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.

exchanging perspectives on how to effectively translate key elements of IPBES outputs into supporting resources for teaching.

Expected Outputs

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

The main outputs of this initiative will be teaching and learning materials focused on specific topics derived from IPBES outputs. Examples of materials include summaries for educators, structured case studies, lesson plans, and others. These resources may serve to support educators or be directly used by learners. Their content and format will be shaped through discussions and co-creation among participating stakeholders.

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.

The initiative focuses on co-creating teaching materials based on IPBES outputs, promoting meaningful collaboration among members, and enhancing the use and visibility of IPBES findings in learning and teaching contexts. Therefore, it is aligned with IPBES Objective 5, which focuses on communication and engagement, particularly strengthening stakeholder engagement. It also directly supports two key objectives of ONet: (1) fostering two-way communication between network members and IPBES, and (2) disseminating information and materials related to IPBES products and achievements to a wide range of audiences, especially through educational resources.

Activities

Roadmap

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

Short-term (~4 months): Identify how IPBES materials are currently being used in teaching by checking the IPBES impact tracking database and capacity building activities, and surveying ONet members in this regard; invite ONet members and IPBES stakeholders who already use these outputs in educational contexts, as well as those interested, to an online meeting and exchange experiences. Mid-term (~8 months): Group materials and ideas, and collectively decide on the type of material and the topic to start with, based on IPBES outputs. Co-develop teaching materials through collaborative, hands-on work with interested stakeholders, incorporating their inputs. To facilitate this, we propose using an open-access digital platform that enables real-time, collaborative commenting and editing on shared documents. Long-term: Generate insights and practical experiences to inform future initiatives aimed at engaging specific stakeholder groups identified within the ONet community. These efforts will also support the broader use of IPBES outputs in areas of shared interest.

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 will benefit from collaboration with the ONet Membership Initiative, particularly to identify and better understand who the current ONet stakeholders are, and to map those already engaged in teaching or using IPBES outputs in educational contexts. Technical guidance will be essential for effective stakeholder outreach, especially to connect with those involved in education, support for organizing virtual meetings, and selecting appropriate online platforms to enable co-creation and shared work on educational materials. It may also be necessary to have the support of the facilitation team and IPBES experts in reviewing the content of materials to ensure scientific accuracy.

☒ 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 Franziska Fischer and Thomas Edward Sutcliffe.

☒ 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.

29.04.2025, Pamela Rodrigues Braga

Date and name of the initiative lead⁴

Section to be completed by the ONet facilitator.

This initiative was presented and approved by the ONet facilitation team in the ONet monthly meeting on 06.05.2025.



06.05.2025, Maja Leonie Metzger

Date and name of the assigned ONet facilitator

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.