

Annex VII to decision IPBES-10/1

Workplan for objective 4 (a): advanced work on policy instruments, policy support tools and methodologies, for the intersessional period 2023–2024

1. The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau will oversee and take part, within the scope of their respective mandates, in the implementation of the following workplan until the eleventh session of the Plenary, supported by the secretariat, including a dedicated technical support unit, in collaboration with the other task force technical support units.
2. Activities to facilitate a dialogue process on the future role of the policy support function and its related objectives in the work programme during the intersessional period 2023–2024 will include:
 - (a) Issuance by the secretariat of a timely call to IPBES members, experts and relevant stakeholders for inputs on the future role of the policy support function, institutional arrangements, proposals for draft terms of reference, and ways to strengthen the implementation of objective 4 (a) (fourth quarter of 2023);
 - (b) Facilitation of online dialogues with national focal points, experts and other relevant stakeholders and initiation of dialogues at relevant in-person meetings, including specific sessions on future institutional arrangements and draft terms of reference (e.g., as part of the in-person dialogue meeting with national focal points (see annex III));
 - (c) Development of a concept note on the future role of the policy support function and ways to strengthen the implementation of objective 4 (a) based on the received inputs for external review by IPBES members, experts and relevant stakeholders;
 - (d) Presentation of options for ways to strengthen the implementation of objective 4 (a) and options for future institutional arrangements that, at a minimum, include draft terms of reference for a task force on policy tools and policy support, to be considered for adoption by the Plenary at its eleventh session.
3. Activities to increase the policy relevance of IPBES assessments will include:
 - (a) Provision of support to assessment experts with a view to increasing the policy relevance of IPBES assessments;
 - (b) Organization of an online dialogue workshop with practitioners to facilitate the contribution of practitioners to the scoping of any new assessments (as part of the dialogue workshops referred to in annex III; first quarter of 2024);
 - (c) Online dialogues with national focal points and stakeholders with the objective of increasing the policy relevance of the assessments in the context of the second external review of the nexus and transformative change assessments and the external review of the business and biodiversity assessment (as part of the dialogues referred to in annex III);
 - (d) Fostering of the participation of policy practitioners in IPBES assessments through the online dialogue workshops with stakeholders being organized for ongoing assessments (see annex III).
4. Activities to promote and support the use of IPBES products in decision-making will include:
 - (a) Finalization of fact sheets on the assessment on invasive alien species and their control, including on data on trends and impacts; the role of business in management and governance; biological invasions affecting protected areas and most natural ecosystems; (management and policy options and biological invasions on islands);
 - (b) Preparation (coordinated by the secretariat) of draft fact sheets for the nexus and transformative change assessments that are targeted to specific sectors;
 - (c) An in-person dialogue meeting with national focal points to further enhance the capacity of Governments to use completed IPBES assessments and other IPBES outputs in policymaking and decision-making (as part of the workshop referred to in annex III);
 - (d) Strengthening of the role of national and (sub)regional science-policy platforms, networks and assessments related to biodiversity and ecosystem services in promoting the use of IPBES deliverables in policymaking and decision-making and in enhancing their policy relevance (as part of the online dialogue workshop referred to in annex III);

(e) Regional online dialogue meetings with actors at the science-policy interface, including IPBES national focal points and focal points of other relevant biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, to promote the use of completed IPBES assessment reports in policymaking and decision-making through lessons learned, best practices and the sharing of experiences;

(f) Conduct of a second edition of the survey on the use of IPBES assessments in policymaking at national and subnational levels to gather information relating to new IPBES assessments (fourth quarter 2023);

(g) Encouragement of the addition of examples of the successful use of completed IPBES assessments in policymaking and decision-making to the IPBES impact-tracking database (TRACK).¹

5. Activities to ensure effective implementation of the workplan include the development and monitoring of a set of relevant indicators for measuring effectiveness. The set of indicators developed will be presented to the Plenary, at its eleventh session, as part of the draft workplan for the intersessional period 2024–2025.

¹ Available at www.ipbes.net/impact-tracking-view.