

IPBES 10 - ONet closing statement

Thank you, Madame Chair, for giving us the floor, this is Nandhivarman Muthu from APSCC, Puducherry, India , speaking on behalf of the Open-ended Network of IPBES Stakeholders.

We CONGRATULATE the new IPBES chair and bureau members on their election.

We are very GRATEFUL to Namibia for the invitation to host the next IPBES plenary. This proposal will enhance the diversity and engagement of underrepresented stakeholders.

We ACKNOWLEDGE the effort made by IPBES members for further engagement with IPCC and we strongly ENCOURAGE member states to continue the dialogue for greater collaboration.

We WELCOME the new Invasive Alien Species assessment approved by the Plenary, as well as the new planned assessments, recognizing their roles in supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and other international agreements. We COMMEND the tremendous work done by all authors on the assessment.

We stand ready to play our part in supporting the uptake of the Invasive Alien Species assessment report in our respective countries and facilitate the engagement of stakeholders in planned assessments. We INVITE all member states to make effective use of all the materials produced by IPBES and engage with stakeholders to take this further to halt and reverse biodiversity loss.

Thank you, Madame Chair!