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IPBES's efforts to promote technical & scientific cooperation: Capacity Building



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Capacity-building activities 2014-2017



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IPBES capacity-building activities 2014-2017

- **Development of a rolling plan for capacity-building**
 - coherent approach to address priority capacity-building needs and activities part of the first IPBES work programme, incl. partner collaboration
- **Piloting the draft programme on fellowships, exchange and training**
 - successful fellowship programme, good progress on training
- **IPBES Capacity-building Forum and pilot matchmaking**
 - valuable experiences and lessons learned from pilot matchmaking
- **IPBES Regional Dialogue Meetings**
 - successful dialogue between policy makers and experts on use and uptake of IPBES regional assessments (upon approval by the Plenary)
- **Next steps**
 - implementation of the capacity-building rolling plan together with partners



Rolling plan for capacity building (1:1): Objectives

- To identify the **principles, strategic directions, modalities and actions** for building and further developing capacities of individuals and institutions based on the **priority needs** established by the IPBES Plenary.
- To outline objectives to **achieve and finance** capacity-building through the IPBES trust fund, with in-kind support from partners and the task force on capacity-building, as well as support from other sources.
- To **leverage**, over time, **additional** resources through matchmaking in cooperation with partners.
- The plan is envisaged as a **living document**.

IPBES Fellowship programme (1:2): background and statistics

- Initiated in 2015, 49 fellows / 37 countries
- Training and mentoring opportunities for early career researchers through participation in IPBES assessments
- Pro bono, but fellows from eligible countries can receive travel support
- All 6 ongoing assessments have fellows (LDR, regional and global assessments)
- Joint fellows training workshops for all fellows from the ongoing assessments



IPBES Fellowship programme (2:2): examples

Fellows' day and participation at the Global assessment FAM (Bonn, August 2016)

Participants: 16 (Global assessment fellows)

Objective: To introduce the fellows to IPBES, the assessment process and the fellows' role in the assessment



Fellows' workshop (Bilbao, January 2017)

Participants: 43 (fellows from all 6 assessments)

Objectives: To strengthen the fellows' capacities to contribute to their assessments, provide further training and facilitate exchange of experiences between fellows

Training (1:1): workshops

- To further enhance experts' understanding of IPBES and their ability to engage with IPBES more effectively
- To develop expert capacities around identified core needs through hands-on training during the drafting of the second-order draft of ongoing assessments
- To develop first order draft Summaries for Policy Makers (SPMs), foster mutual learning and promote a common approach to SPMs across the assessments



IPBES Capacity-building Forum

- First meeting of the IPBES Capacity-building Forum
 - in Dehradun, India, Oct 2015, with 70 participants.
- Second meeting of the IPBES Capacity-building Forum
 - in the margins of UNGA in New York in 2016, to explore opportunities for increased engagement of partner organizations in IPBES capacity-building work.



IPBES Matchmaking (1:4): background

Matchmaking is understood as bringing together those who have capacity-building needs with those able to meet those needs

- Pilot Call for projects 2015: 94 project proposals received, no offers made.
- Proposed projects undergone a **rigorous review process**.
- Review process of proposals guided by score cards identifying their degree of relevance to the prioritized CB-needs as operationalized under the **rolling plan** and evaluating their achievability and consistency. Each project reviewed by 5 reviewers.

IPBES Matchmaking (2:4): Priorities and criteria in relation to rolling plan for capacity-building

- Priorities/criteria for strategy 1: **Learning and engagement**
 - The primary focus should be on those activities supporting implementation of the work programme itself, and on learning associated with that implementation.
- Priorities/criteria for strategy 2: **Facilitating access to expertise and information**
 - Activities should primarily aim to draw on other IPBES deliverables to increase access to expertise/information for supporting implementation and increase the reach/impact of the work programme deliverables.
- Priorities/criteria for strategy 3: **Strengthening national and regional capacities**
 - Activities will mainly be carried out and facilitated through partnerships and matchmaking activities.

IPBES Matchmaking (3:4) Pilot call results

Category A: Approved. This category contains projects with an average score of at least 75 % score for fit to the applicable programmes and/or initiatives of the rolling plan and overall consistency and achievability. A total of 12 projects were placed in this category.

Category B: Of interest. This category contains projects with an average score between 50 – 75 % for fit to the rolling plan and overall consistency and achievability. A total of 46 projects were placed in this category.

Category C: Rejected. This category contains projects with average scores below 50 %. A total of 36 projects were placed in this category.

IPBES Matchmaking (4:4) Lessons learned from the pilot call

- Online call did not result in any unconditional financial support
- Lots of effort needed to thoroughly review all proposals

Thus:

- **Shift of focus** to a more targeted approach to seek further contributions from partners on specific topics and areas of alignments
- The strategies, programmes, initiatives and activities set out in the rolling plan will help frame **cooperation among partners in matching identified priority needs with resources**.
- **The IPBES website** will be developed to facilitate collaborative efforts at different levels/thematic areas, rather than a specific matchmaking website

IPBES Regional Dialogue Meetings

- Four regional dialogue meetings: national focal points (NFPs) and IPBES experts of the regional assessments, June-August 2017.
- **Objectives:** to strengthen government engagement in the production and use of the regional assessments, and to provide insight for assessment experts into how their assessment are perceived and received by Governments.



Region	Place/date	Participation
Europe & Central Asia	Vácrátót, Hungary, 12-14 June (PESC-4)	27 NFPs & experts
Asia Pacific	Tokyo, Japan, 20-21 July	39 NFPs & experts
Africa	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 3-4 August	35 NFPs & experts
Americas	Cartagena, Colombia, 3-4 August	34 NFPs & experts



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Approach 2017-2018



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Implementation of the Capacity-building Rolling Plan(1:2): approach

- Work of the task force focuses on the implementation of the capacity-building rolling plan together with partners.
- Five task groups, comprising **IPBES experts, MEP and Bureau members, and partner organizations**, undertaking capacity building activities adhering to different areas of the plan.
- The task groups pilot the partner engagement approach during the remaining period of the first work programme.
- One or several **specific** calls for **contributions** by collaborative partners are being developed. The calls will specifically aim to support the initiatives of the different task groups (overview on the next slide)
- This work will be supported by further development of the Capacity-building section of the IPBES website

Task Groups: Overview

Task group	Initiative	Expected output
1	Develop guidance regarding processes and mechanisms that support the implementation of the capacity-building rolling plan	Guidance on: processes and mechanisms that support the implementation of the capacity-building rolling plan
2	Develop a capacity-building web portal supporting the implementation of the capacity-building plan	A more informative, comprehensive and dynamic IPBES Capacity Building website at www.ipbes.net
3	Strategic engagement with policy makers on use and uptake of regional assessments	Uptake of the regional assessment findings into policy and planning at the (sub-)regional and national level
4	Developing guidance which can support countries and (sub-) regions in establishing their own science-policy platforms and networks , and/or in carrying out national and sub-regional assessments	Guidance on: national and (sub-)regional science-policy interface platforms (including national capacity self-assessment) and national and sub-regional assessments
5	Identify existing and potential sources of learning materials , facilitate their use and support their development	Overview of online repository for making available high quality learning materials on IPBES and its products. Coherent approach for supporting the use and development learning materials for building and developing capacity on IPBES and its products

Implementation of the Capacity-building Rolling Plan (2:2): Options to contribute

- Contributions to the capacity-building rolling plan through **the IPBES trust fund** itself or through earmarked contributions to the IPBES trust fund
- **In-kind contribution** to the capacity-building work of IPBES through:
 - partial or complete support to IPBES capacity-building activities
 - direct implementation of activities, in collaboration with IPBES
- **Direct support to other partner institutions**, enabling them to address priority capacity-building needs
- **Alignment of capacity-building activities**, e.g. institutions taking into consideration the objectives, deliverables and ongoing work of IPBES in their capacity-building activities
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Potential opportunities for collaboration on capacity-building with Bio-Bridge Initiative

- CBD Secretariat via BBI coordinator is participating as one of the partners in **IPBES task groups**
- Collaboration through delivering **complementary training activities and alignment of activities**
- Sharing **E-learning** on biodiversity and ecosystem services and where possible develop **joint training material**
- **Joint action** to promote engagement, networking and cooperation among various stakeholders supportive of the biodiversity agenda
- **Sharing of information** on existing networks/communities of practice
- **BBI seed funding** could include activities supporting biodiversity related topics relevant to IPBES
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