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



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# Outline

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- IPBES's efforts to promote capacity-building
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- Implementation of IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan together with partners
- Potential opportunities for collaboration with the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI)



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# Capacity-building activities 2014-2017





# 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



# 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 <a href="#">guidance</a> regarding processes and mechanisms that support the <a href="#">implementation of the capacity-building rolling plan</a>   | Guidance on: processes and mechanisms that support the implementation of the capacity-building rolling plan   |
| 2          | Develop a capacity-building <a href="#">web portal</a> supporting the implementation of the capacity-building plan  | A more informative, comprehensive and dynamic IPBES Capacity Building website at <a href="http://www.ipbes.net">www.ipbes.net</a>   |
| 3          | Strategic engagement with policy makers on <a href="#">use and uptake</a> of regional assessments   | Uptake of the regional assessment findings into policy and planning at the (sub-)regional and national level  |
| 4          | Developing <a href="#">guidance</a> which can support countries and (sub-) regions in establishing their own <a href="#">science-policy platforms and networks</a> , and/or in carrying out <a href="#">national and sub-regional assessments</a> | 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 <a href="#">learning materials</a> , facilitate their use and support their development  | Overview of online repository for making available high quality learning materials on IPBES and its products.<br>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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