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SECOND WORK PROGRAMME OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES¹

Note by the Executive Secretary

BACKGROUND

1. In decision [XII/25](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:

(a) “Will submit to the Conference of the Parties, for its approval, any requests for the next work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), and that it may prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, with regard to the work programme, on matters within the mandate given to it by the Conference of the Parties, taking into account the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties, the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#), submissions from Parties, and other relevant information (para. 1);

(b) “May exchange scientific and technical information with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, where the subject is within the mandate given to it by the Conference of the Parties.”

2. In paragraph 5(b) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile information, as necessary, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body with regard to these matters.

3. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body, in accordance with the procedures established in decision XII/25, to prepare a list of requests for the second work programme of the Platform (decision [XIII/29](#), para. 11).

4. Pursuant to decision [IPBES-5/3](#), the Plenary of IPBES at its sixth session (Medellin, Colombia, 18-24 March 2018) established a process for the development of a strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of the Platform,² which are expected to be considered and approved by the Plenary at its seventh session.

* [CBD/SBSTTA/22/1](#).

¹ In accordance with decision IPBES-6/2, the reference to a “second work programme” is replaced with reference to a “strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of the Platform”.

² The outcomes of the sixth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services are accessible from <https://www.ipbes.net/outcomes>.

5. The Subsidiary Body is expected to develop a recommendation containing a list of requests for the programme of work of the Platform for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting. As set out in decision XII/25, the Subsidiary Body, within its mandate, may also decide to transmit to IPBES any scientific and technical information arising from its consideration of this agenda item.

6. In the present document,³ the Secretariat reviews the use by the Convention of the deliverables from the first IPBES work programme (section I), summarizes the process for the development of a strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of the Platform (section II) and provides considerations for the preparation of a list of requests from the Convention for the work programme of the Platform beyond 2019 (section III). It also provides a set of conclusions (section IV) and a draft recommendation for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body (section V).

I. CONTEXT: THE FIRST WORK PROGRAMME OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND USE OF ITS KEY DELIVERABLES BY THE CONVENTION

7. In decision XII/25, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the adoption of the work programme of IPBES, noting that the Subsidiary Body had expressed an expectation that it would provide useful and evidence-based information for the Convention (recommendation [XVII/3](#)).

8. The Platform established processes and mechanisms that strengthen technical capacities and support policy processes related to biodiversity and ecosystem services in multiple ways.

9. While the most tangible accomplishments of the first IPBES work programme are the assessments that have been and are being completed, the Convention and the broader biodiversity community have also benefited from other components of the IPBES work and from the integrated manner in which the four functions are being delivered. The IPBES Secretariat has provided regular reports on relevant activities to the Subsidiary Body and to the Conference of the Parties.⁴ The follow-up to the major IPBES outputs as well as consideration of ongoing activities by the Convention are briefly reviewed in the following paragraphs.

A. Thematic assessment of pollinators, pollination and food production

10. Following its review of the thematic assessment of pollinators, pollination and food production and its implications for the work of the Convention, the Subsidiary Body in recommendation [XX/9](#) and the Conference of the Parties, in decision [XIII/15](#), welcomed the [Summary for Policymakers](#) approved by the Plenary of IPBES at its fourth session, as well as the full assessment report, and endorsed its key messages (paras. 1 and 2). The Conference of the Parties further encouraged Parties, other Governments, relevant United Nations and other organizations, as well as multilateral environment agreements, and stakeholders to use, as appropriate, the assessment to guide their efforts to improve the conservation and sustainable management of pollinators, address drivers of pollinator declines, and work towards sustainable food production systems and agriculture (para 3). In the same decision, and drawing on Subsidiary Body recommendation [XX/9](#), the Conference of the Parties also provided detailed guidance on: (a) integrating issues related to pollinators in policies and strategies; (b) promoting pollinator-friendly habitats; (c) improving the management of pollinators, and reducing risk from pests, pathogens and invasive species; (d) reducing risk from pesticides, including insecticides, herbicides and fungicides; and (e) suggested elements for enabling policies and activities and for research, monitoring and assessment.

11. The revised plan of action of the International Initiative on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators, prepared jointly by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Food

³ A notification was issued inviting review comments on an earlier version of the present document as well as proposals for requests for the next work programme of the Platform. Review comments were received from Belgium, the European Union, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, BirdLife International, Conservation International, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, and Yes Inc Mali.

⁴ For example, see [CBD/SBSTTA/21/INF/16](#), [UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/INF/61](#), [UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/INF/11](#), [UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/INF/19](#) and [UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/28](#).

and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in consultation with IPBES and other partners in response to decision XIII/15, is contained in the annex to the note by the Executive Secretary on conservation and sustainable use of pollinators ([CBD/SBSTTA/22/10](#)).

B. Methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services

12. Based on the review by the Subsidiary Body, the Conference of the Parties, in decision XIII/29, welcomed the completion and acceptance of the methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services by IPBES and the approval of the Summary for Policymakers by the IPBES Plenary, and recognized the high relevance of this assessment for work under the Convention, and, in particular, the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*.

13. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also recognized the importance of matching scenarios to the needs of particular policy or decision contexts, including for exploring post-2020 policy scenarios, and of improving, and more widely applying, participatory and cross-scale scenario methods in order to enhance the relevance and use of regional, sectoral and thematic scenarios for biodiversity and ecosystem services.

14. Subsequently, the methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services informed the consideration at the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body of scenarios on the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity.⁵ In recommendation [XXI/1](#), the Subsidiary Body welcomed the ongoing work of the Expert Group on Models and Scenarios of IPBES to develop a new set of multi-scale biodiversity scenarios through a stakeholder-driven process,⁶ and noted the relevance of this work to the process of developing a post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

C. Global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services

15. IPBES is currently preparing a global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, responding to the invitation from the Conference of the Parties in decision [XI/2](#) (para. 28). The importance of the global assessment for analysing progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets was re-emphasized in decision XIII/29. In this decision, the Conference of the Parties decided that the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* should inter alia draw on the thematic, regional and global assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and any relevant scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services undertaken as part of these assessments. The global assessment is due to be finalized and approved by the Plenary of the Platform at its seventh session, in May 2019. It will be subsequently considered by the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-third meeting alongside the draft of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*.

D. Other assessments

16. The IPBES Plenary at its sixth session approved the summaries for policymakers of the reports on the regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe and Central Asia, and accepted the individual chapters of the assessment reports and their executive summaries. Similarly, it also approved the Summary for Policymakers of the land degradation and restoration assessment.⁷ The implications of these assessments for the work of the Convention will be discussed by the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-second meeting under item 6.⁸

⁵ The note by the Executive Secretary on scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity ([CBD/SBSTTA/21/2](#)) reviews the role for decision-making of each of the four types of scenarios described in the IPBES assessment.

⁶ See <https://www.ipbes.net/deliverables/3c-scenarios-and-modelling> and [CBD/SBSTTA/21/INF/18](#).

⁷ The Summaries for Policymakers of the five assessments can be accessed from <https://www.ipbes.net/outcomes>.

⁸ See the updated scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets and options to accelerate progress ([CBD/SBSTTA/22/5](#)).

E. Pending assessments of the first work programme

17. In its decision IPBES-6/1, the IPBES Plenary at its sixth session approved the undertaking of the three assessments which had been pending — the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species, the thematic assessment of invasive alien species, and the methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits — on the basis of the scoping reports for these assessments which had been approved in decisions [IPBES-4/1](#) and [IPBES-5/1](#), respectively. The Plenary further decided that the values assessment should be made available for its consideration at its ninth session and that the sustainable use assessment and the invasive alien species assessment should be made available for its consideration at no later than its tenth session.

F. Other IPBES deliverables

18. The work of IPBES and collaboration among partners aimed at the implementation of deliverables 1 (a) and 1 (b) of the Platform's first work programme on capacity-building is guided by the Platform's capacity-building rolling plan, which was welcomed in decision IPBES-5/1.⁹ The capacity-building rolling plan identifies the principles, strategic directions, modalities and actions for building and further developing the capacities of individuals and institutions based on the priority needs established by the IPBES Plenary. In decision IPBES-6/1, the Plenary welcomed the progress that had been made in implementing the IPBES capacity-building rolling plan and the efforts of partner organizations in support of capacity-building initiatives and requested the task force on capacity-building to continue implementing the plan and to further enhance collaboration with other organizations in its implementation. It also invited other organizations to join those efforts by offering technical and financial contributions that match identified capacity-building needs.

19. In decision IPBES-5/1, the Plenary approved the approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge, which was set out in annex II to the decision. The Plenary, in decision IPBES-6/1 welcomed the progress made by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, supported by the task force on indigenous and local knowledge, in implementing the approach. It requested the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, working with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and supported by the task force on indigenous and local knowledge, among other things, to continue implementing the approach.

20. The task force on knowledge and data (deliverables 1 (d) and 4 (b)) developed a process to identify knowledge gaps and to catalyse the generation of new knowledge. The implementation of the process has begun with a focus on the Assessment of Pollination, Pollinators and Food Production as a pilot. In decision IPBES-6/1, the Plenary welcomed the progress made by the task force in implementing the workplan and requested the Executive Secretary of IPBES, working with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, to step up efforts in catalysing the generation of new knowledge, in particular addressing knowledge gaps identified in the IPBES assessments.

21. A revised version of the catalogue on policy support tools and methodologies (deliverable 4 (c)) was submitted to the IPBES Plenary at its sixth session. In decision IPBES-6/1, the Plenary welcomed the progress made and requested the expert group on policy support tools and methodologies to further develop the online catalogue and the guidance to IPBES assessments by implementing activities to further increase the uptake of those tools and methodologies by policymakers and practitioners.

22. In decision [XIII/31](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaboration with IPBES, the United Nations Environment Programme and other partners to promote the coordinated development of existing portals to facilitate access to policy support tools and methodologies, as well as to related case studies and evaluations of the use and effectiveness of such tools, taking into account the different capacities and capabilities of countries.

⁹ The full IPBES capacity-building rolling plan is set out in document IPBES/5/INF/3; its executive summary is contained in annex I to decision IPBES-5/1.

II. PROPOSED PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELEMENTS OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF IPBES

23. In decision [IPBES-1/3](#), which is reproduced in annex I to the present document, the IPBES Plenary determined the procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform. It stipulates that Governments and multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services can send requests to IPBES on scientific and technical matters that require the Platform's attention and action and encourages multilateral environmental agreements to submit, through their governing bodies or scientific subsidiary bodies, requests on behalf of Governments and to seek to undertake joint submissions by multilateral environmental agreements. Decision IPBES-1/3 also details the type of information that should accompany the request.

24. In decision IPBES-6/2, which is reproduced in annex II to the present document, the IPBES Plenary requests the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau, supported by the secretariat, to develop a draft strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of IPBES and specifies the avenues through which requests, input and suggestions would be invited. Parties and observers would be invited to submit requests, or inputs and suggestions, as appropriate, by 30 September 2018, and the Convention would also be able to submit requests through a decision of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting. A synthesized and prioritized list of requests, inputs and suggestions alongside a further revised draft strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the work programme of the Platform would then be prepared for consideration by the Plenary at its seventh session.

25. In preparing any requests to be transmitted to IPBES, the following points should be considered:

(a) It is envisaged that the strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the work programme of IPBES would support the efforts to implement the post-2020 biodiversity framework, the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), including the Sustainable Development Goals, and the [Paris Agreement on Climate Change](#);

(b) The "rolling" nature of the work programme enables a staggered process to determine some elements throughout the course of the coming decade rather than determining the entire programme at the beginning;

(c) The Plenary, in decision IPBES-6/1 approved the undertaking of the three assessments that had been pending from the first work programme;

(d) The number of assessments conducted in parallel and the number of assessment reports made available for consideration by the Plenary should be limited in order to spread out the workload for Governments, the scientific community, the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, the Bureau and the secretariat;

(e) There is a need to undertake a review of lessons learned from the outcomes and impact of the thematic, regional and global assessments which should inform decisions on the design of a another global assessment, including the need for integration between regional and global assessments, for example through a single assessment that integrates the regional and global components.

III. CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A LIST OF REQUESTS FROM THE CONVENTION FOR THE SECOND WORK PROGRAMME OF IPBES

26. In developing its recommendation for the Conference of the Parties on requests for the second work programme of IPBES, it would be useful to take into account:

(a) The experience of how the various deliverables arising from the first work programme have been used under the Convention;

(b) Scientific and technical needs already identified under the Convention;

(c) Considerations regarding the needs of the Convention that may be anticipated to support the development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(d) Any other needs and priorities identified by the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body;

(e) Other relevant and complementary assessment processes.

27. Parties and observers, in preparing their requests, or inputs and suggestions, for direct submission to IPBES, may also wish to consider the following points, as appropriate.

A. Experience of use of the deliverables from the first work programme

28. Experiences of how the deliverables arising from the first work programme of IPBES have been used under the Convention are reviewed under section II above. Generally, assessments on specific issues, such as the assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production and the methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services, have been particularly useful in informing decisions and recommendations under the Convention and helped to identify needs for further research. It is expected that experience on the use of the deliverables from the work programme will become available once further time has elapsed.

B. Scientific and technical needs identified under the Convention

29. At its seventeenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body identified key scientific and technical needs for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (recommendation [XVII/1](#)). These were subsequently endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision [XII/1](#). This comprehensive list of needs was transmitted to the IPBES as an input to the development of the first work programme. It complemented a broader request of the Conference of the Parties, in decision [XI/13](#), for IPBES to consider ways in which its activities could, as appropriate, build on, and contribute to, the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, contribute to assessments of the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and provide information on policy options available to deliver the 2050 vision of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. This broad request and the key scientific and technical needs identified by the Subsidiary Body, remain valid. They should therefore continue to be considered in the design and delivery of future activities of IPBES across all its four functions.

30. In decision XIII/29, the Conference of the Parties, on the basis of the review by the Subsidiary Body of the conclusions of the Methodological Assessment of Scenarios and Models, called upon the scientific community to address key gaps in methods for modelling the impacts of drivers and policy interventions on biodiversity and ecosystem services that had been identified in the methodological assessment and to develop practical and effective approaches to evaluating and communicating levels of uncertainty associated with scenarios and models, as well as tools for applying those approaches to assessments and decision-making. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary and invited the secretariats of IPBES and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to foster further enhanced collaboration between the scientific communities related to these bodies working on scenarios and models, as well as collaboration with communities working on biodiversity monitoring and data, and the policy community. The need to promote coherence between the scenarios and related assessments prepared in the context of biodiversity and climate change was reiterated in Subsidiary Body recommendation [XXI/1](#).

31. In the same recommendation, the Subsidiary Body welcomed the ongoing work of the IPBES Expert Group on Scenarios and Models to develop a new set of multi-scale biodiversity scenarios through a stakeholder-driven process, and, noting the relevance of this work to the process of developing a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, recognized the importance of the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in this work, and encouraged Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and all stakeholders to engage in this process.

32. The Subsidiary Body and the Conference of the Parties have frequently highlighted the importance of assessing effectiveness of policy measures taken to implement the Convention (for example decisions XI/2, [XI/3](#), XII/1, [XIII/1](#) and [XIII/3](#) and Subsidiary Body recommendation [XXI/6](#)).

C. Anticipated needs for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

33. In its recommendation [XXI/1](#), the Subsidiary Body further invited the scientific and other relevant communities working on scenarios and related assessments to take into account a number of issues which are relevant to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The following could be relevant to the work of IPBES:

- (a) The broad range of underlying drivers and systemic and structural issues related to biodiversity loss;
- (b) Combinations of policy approaches at multiple scales and under different scenarios;
- (c) The identification of potential synergies, trade-offs and limitations related to biodiversity that should be considered in order to identify effective policies and measures to enable the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (d) The contributions of the collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities in the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components;
- (e) The consequences of alternative scenarios for the customary sustainable use of biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities;
- (g) The potential positive and negative impacts of productive sectors, such as agriculture, forestry and fisheries;
- (h) Technology developments that may have positive or negative impacts on the achievement of the three objectives of the Conventions as well as on the lifestyles and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities.

34. In its recommendation [XXI/1](#), the Subsidiary Body also developed conclusions regarding scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, in which it highlighted, among other things, the types of measures that may be needed to attain the 2050 Vision, recognizing that these measures could be developed in various “policy mixes” depending on the needs and priorities of countries and stakeholders. In the various editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, the importance of links between biodiversity and food and agriculture, including fisheries, were highlighted as well as the role of spatial planning, ecosystem restoration and protected areas, and the need to reduce waste and excessive consumption.

35. In the same recommendation, the Subsidiary Body recognized that pathways towards a sustainable future required transformational change, reiterated that a coherent approach was needed on biodiversity and climate change, and that the 2050 Vision was consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international goals. The Subsidiary Body noted that scenarios and models might be useful in informing the development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and that scenario analyses tailored to regional, national or local circumstances provided information to feed into strategic planning for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

D. Other needs and priorities identified by the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body

36. In recommendation [XXI/3](#), the Subsidiary Body noted that the topic of biodiversity and health could be considered as a possible suggestion for the second work programme of IPBES.

E. Other relevant and complementary assessment processes

37. There are other assessments in areas relevant to biodiversity and ecosystem services, that are ongoing or planned, and that should be taken into account to avoid duplication of effort. These include the planned global assessment on nitrogen (through the International Nitrogen Management System), on soils (through FAO and the Global Soil Partnership) and on genetic resources of food and agriculture (through FAO and its Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture).

IV. CONCLUSIONS

38. Based on the considerations described above, the Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the following points with respect to the strategic approach of IPBES:

(a) The key scientific and technical needs for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, endorsed in decision XII/1, remain valid and should therefore continue to be considered in the design and delivery of future activities of IPBES across all its four functions;

(b) The scope and timing of a future global assessment, including considerations of a single assessment that integrates the regional and global components, should be considered carefully to serve the assessment needs arising from the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in relation to biodiversity and ecosystem services. Overlap with other activities, analyses and assessments, including future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, should be minimized and synergies maximized;

(c) There is a strong need to further enhance cooperation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, with a view to promoting coherence between the scenarios and related assessments prepared in the context of biodiversity and climate change and to fostering further enhanced collaboration between the scientific communities related to these bodies;

(d) The Convention should support any IPBES efforts to review the effectiveness, outcomes and impacts of its deliverables across all its four functions to enable drawing lessons for its future work;

(e) There is a continued need for work on scenarios and models to assess pathways towards, and the transformational change required for, a sustainable future;

(f) There is a continued need to consider the contributions of the collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities in the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components.

39. The Subsidiary Body may also wish to consider the following as potential elements for the rolling work programme of IPBES:

(a) To understand and assess the behavioural, social, economic, institutional, technical and technological determinants of transformational change, and how these may be deployed to achieve the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity;

(b) To assess the nexus of biodiversity, food and water, agriculture and health and nutrition, considering trade-offs among these areas and related policy options, including implications for energy and climate, taking into account the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals, with a view to enabling decisions that support coherent policy and transformational change necessary to achieve the 2050 vision for Biodiversity;

(c) To undertake methodological assessments on the effectiveness of various policy instruments and policy and planning support tools, and to characterize and quantify successful approaches and cases of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their impacts;

(d) To undertake a methodological assessment on criteria, metrics and indicators, suitable for operationalization by business, on corporate impacts on and benefits from biodiversity and ecosystem services, to enable business to reduce such impacts and to promote consistency in assessment and reporting.

40. The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider and complement these elements in listing issues the Conference of the Parties should be recommended to convey to IPBES and could list these in an annex to the recommendation below.

V. SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION

41. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice may wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

1. *Urges* Parties and *invites* observers, as appropriate, to respond to the call from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for requests, inputs and suggestions in line with decision IPBES-6/2, paragraph (d);

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to transmit the list of elements contained in the annex to the present recommendation as scientific and technical information arising from the consideration of this item by the Subsidiary Body, to the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the information of its Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and Bureau;

3. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the progress in implementing the first work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;

2. *Also welcomes* the approval by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to undertake the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species, the thematic assessment of invasive alien species, and the methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits;

3. *Notes* that the strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services will be relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and may contribute to supporting its implementation and assessing progress, and *also notes* that the rolling nature of the work plan may allow for further requests from the Convention in the light of the needs arising from the final form of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

4. *Encourages* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to further enhance its cooperation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in developing and implementing its work programme, with a view to promoting coherence between the scenarios and related assessments prepared in the context of biodiversity and climate change and to fostering further enhanced collaboration between the scientific communities related to these bodies;

5. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to consider and prioritize the elements and requests contained in the annex to the present decision as part of its strategic framework and work programme towards 2030.

Annex

**ELEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM FOR BIODIVERSITY AND
ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK
AND WORK PROGRAMME TOWARDS 2030**

[to be completed at the meeting on the basis of sections IV and V of the present document]

*Annex I***Decision IPBES-1/3 Procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform**

The Plenary,

Adopts the procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform as contained in the Annex to this decision.

Procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform

1. This procedure is intended to guide the process for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform, and is to be applied in accordance with other rules and procedures of the Platform. This procedure is not intended to prescribe future decisions by the Platform regarding its work programme.

A. Receiving requests put to the Platform

2. Governments and multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services can send requests to the Platform on scientific and technical matters that require the Platform's attention and action.

3. Inputs and suggestions from United Nations bodies related to biodiversity and ecosystem services, as determined by their respective governing bodies, are also welcomed by the Platform. Inputs and suggestions made by relevant stakeholders, such as other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional scientific organizations, environment trust funds, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and the private sector, will also be encouraged and taken into account, as appropriate.

4. In order to streamline requests sent to the Platform, the submission of requests by Governments conveyed by multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services through their governing bodies or scientific subsidiary bodies is encouraged, allowing some flexibility to MEAs regarding the deadline for submissions due to their internal meeting schedules. The joint submission of requests by multiple multilateral environmental agreements through their coordination processes, for example the Biodiversity Liaison Group or the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions are also encouraged.

5. Joint submissions of requests by multiple Governments, including through regional groups, are also encouraged.

6. Joint submissions of inputs and suggestions by United Nations bodies related to biodiversity and ecosystem services, other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional scientific organizations, environment trust funds, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and the private sector are also encouraged.

7. Requests that are submitted to the Platform will be accompanied by information on:

(a) Relevance to the objective, functions and work programme of the Platform;

- (b) Urgency of action by the Platform in the light of the imminence of the risks caused by the issues to be addressed by such action;
 - (c) Relevance of the requested action in addressing specific policies or processes;
 - (d) Geographic scope of the requested action, as well as issues to be covered by such action;
 - (e) Anticipated level of complexity of the issues to be addressed by the requested action;
 - (f) Previous work and existing initiatives of a similar nature and evidence of remaining gaps, such as the absence or limited availability of information and tools to address the issues, and reasons why the Platform is best suited to take action;
 - (g) Availability of scientific literature and expertise for the Platform to undertake the requested action;
 - (h) Scale of the potential impacts, and potential beneficiaries of the requested action;
 - (i) Requirements for financial and human resources, and potential duration of the requested action.
 - (j) An identification of priorities within multiple requests submitted.
8. Inputs and suggestions that are submitted to the Platform will also where relevant be accompanied by the information requirement set out in paragraph 7.

B. Prioritizing requests put to the Platform

9. All requests, inputs and suggestions should be received by the secretariat no later than six months prior to an IPBES Plenary. The secretariat should compile requests, inputs and suggestions and make these available on the IPBES website. The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau will consider and prioritize the submitted requests, inputs and suggestions in accordance with the considerations outlined in paragraph 7 above.
10. The Bureau will consider requests received after the deadline on an extraordinary basis.
11. Should the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau consider that additional scoping is required to complete the prioritization of certain requests, they will propose to the Plenary the initiation of such scoping processes.
12. The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau will prepare a report containing a prioritized list of requests, with an analysis on the scientific and policy relevance of the requests as referred to in paragraph 7, including the possible need for additional scoping and the implications of the requests for the Platform's work programme and resource requirements, 12 weeks prior to the Plenary meeting at which those requests will be considered. In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Plenary of the Platform, the secretariat will process the report and make it available to the Plenary for consideration and decision.
13. The process described in the paragraph above will apply as appropriate to the prioritization of inputs and suggestions.

*Annex II***Decision IPBES-6/2: Development of a draft strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of the Platform**

The Plenary,

Requests the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau, supported by the secretariat:

(a) To develop a draft strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of the Platform, taking into account the views expressed at its sixth session, including on the notional timing of reviews of the work programme and on additional calls for requests, inputs and suggestions for the work programme;

(b) To hold consultations, including using electronic means, to seek additional input from, inter alia, Governments, United Nations partners, multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services, intergovernmental organizations and stakeholders, on the draft strategic framework and elements of the work programme of the Platform;

(c) To encourage Governments and the entities listed in paragraph (b) of the present decision to provide written comments on the draft strategic framework and future elements of the work programme;

(d) To launch a formal call for requests, inputs and suggestions, on short-term priorities and longer-term strategic needs, with a deadline of 30 September 2018, following the procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests as set out in decision IPBES-1/3 and:

- (i) To invite members, observers that are allowed enhanced participation in accordance with decision IPBES-5/4, and multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services as determined by the respective governing bodies of those agreements, to submit requests;
- (ii) To invite United Nations bodies related to biodiversity and ecosystem services and relevant stakeholders, such as other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional scientific organizations, environment-related trust funds, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and the private sector to submit inputs and suggestions;
- (iii) To invite experts on, and holders of, indigenous and local knowledge to provide their inputs and suggestions through the participatory mechanism of the Platform;

(e) To inform the secretariats of the relevant multilateral environmental agreements of the call for requests described in paragraph (d) (i) of the present decision and provide an opportunity for the late submission of requests taking into account the schedule of the respective meetings of their governing bodies;

(f) To provide access to the requests, inputs and suggestions received in response to the call referred to in paragraph (d) of the present decision to the members of the Plenary of the Platform, observers that are allowed enhanced participation in accordance with decision IPBES-5/4, multilateral environmental agreements and entities described in paragraph (d)(ii) of the present decision;

(g) To compile the requests, inputs and suggestions received and prepare a report containing a synthesized and prioritized list of these for consideration by the Plenary at its seventh session;

(h) To further revise the draft strategic framework up to 2030 and develop elements of the work programme of the Platform, taking into account the report referred to in paragraph (g) of the present decision;

(i) To invite comments from Governments and stakeholders on the further revised draft strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the work programme of the Platform referred to in paragraph (h) of the present decision;

(j) To finalize a draft strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the work programme of the Platform, taking into account the comments referred to in paragraph (i) of the present decision, for consideration and approval by the Plenary at its seventh session.
