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This note presents the outcomes of the eleventh session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), held from 10 to 16 December 2024 in Windhoek and provides an update on current work of IPBES relevant to the work of IPCC.

I. Ongoing IPBES assessments and other work

IPBES is currently in the process of implementing its rolling work programme up to 2030, adopted by the IPBES Plenary at its seventh session in 2019 (available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/resource-file/27458>).

The Plenary, at its eleventh session:

- Approved the summary for policymakers and accepted the chapters of the thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (nexus assessment). This assessment addressed, among other things, the interactions between the nexus elements and climate change. The summary for policymakers is available at: <https://zenodo.org/records/13850290>
- Approved the summary for policymakers and accepted the chapters of the thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (transformative change assessment). The summary for policymakers is available at: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11382230>
- Approved the undertaking of a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 15 (2028). The scoping report is available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/resource-file/105830>
- All outcomes of IPBES 11 are available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/events/ipbes-11>

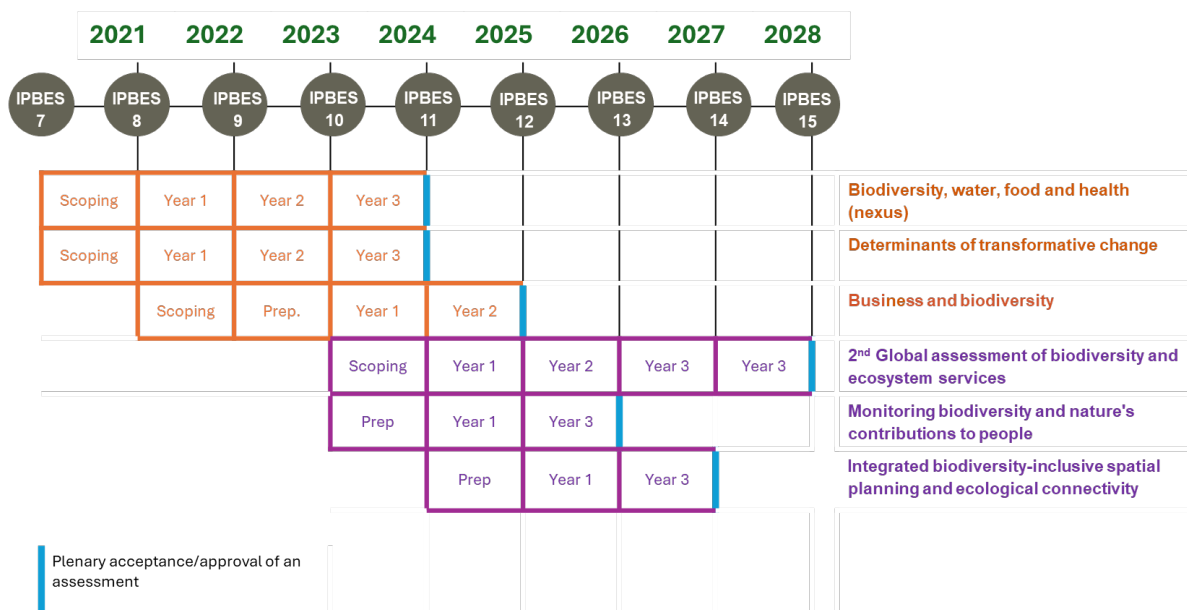


Figure 1 illustrates the timelines of the four assessments currently ongoing or planned in the period up to 2030.

The methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment) will be finalized in time for its consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 12 in the beginning of 2026 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

The methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people (monitoring assessment) will be finalized in time for its consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 13 (2026, tbc). A draft of the assessment will be made available for external review from 28 July to 21 September 2025.

The methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity (spatial planning and connectivity assessment) will be finalized in time for its consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 14 (2027, tbc). The call for the nomination of experts ended on 24 January 2025 and the selection of experts is expected to be completed at the end of the second quarter of 2025.

The second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services is expected to be similar in scope to the first IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and is planned to be conducted between 2025 and 2028. The call for the nomination of experts will be open from 4 February to 6 April 2025. The selection of experts is expected to be completed during the third quarter of 2025.

The IPBES Secretariat will bring the invitations to participate in the external reviews of draft assessments and the calls for the nomination of experts to the attention of the IPCC Secretariat.

IPBES continues its work on building capacity, strengthening the knowledge foundations, including work related to data management and Indigenous and local knowledge, and supporting policy. IPBES is currently undergoing the midterm review under its rolling work

programme up to 2030; the findings of the review will be presented to the IPBES Plenary at IPBES 12.

II. Engagement with IPCC

In decision IPBES-11/1, the Plenary also addressed IPBES' engagement with IPCC.

The Plenary, among other things, invited IPBES national focal points to strengthen engagement with their IPCC counterparts to jointly consider potential means of increasing scientific cooperation and information-sharing and improving understanding of relevant processes, procedures and workplans.

The Plenary urged members of IPBES and invited members of IPCC and their experts, relevant stakeholders, scientific bodies and research organizations to participate in relevant activities of IPBES and IPCC, including in external review processes, as appropriate.

The Plenary invited the Bureau, the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, the relevant task forces of IPBES and the Executive Secretary to exchange information with IPCC on ongoing and planned activities and to share relevant experiences, including through participation in relevant meetings, workshops and side-events, in conformity with the decisions of IPCC and IPBES and with their respective policies and procedures, reaffirming the need for transparency of any activity.

In 2022 and 2023, calls for thematic or methodological issues related to biodiversity and climate change that would benefit from collaboration between IPCC and IPBES were issued, in response to decisions IPBES-8/1, IPBES-9/1, and IPBES-10/1, and the resulting submissions made available for review by IPBES members and compiled in document IPBES/11/INF/10. The Plenary requested the Executive Secretary to make the compilation available to IPCC for information.

In addition, the Plenary decided to organize, subject to the availability of extra-budgetary resources, a workshop on biodiversity and climate change in support of the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, making use of recent IPBES assessments and the compilation referred to above. This workshop would be planned for 2026. The Plenary invited IPCC to suggest to the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel a list of relevant IPCC experts to participate in the workshop. The Plenary also invited IPCC to consider co-sponsoring the workshop.

The full text of decision IPBES-11/1 is available as part of the report on IPBES 11 at:

<https://www.ipbes.net/events/ipbes-11>

According to the IPBES rules of procedure, the Chair of IPCC is an observer to the MEP, like the chairs of the scientific subsidiary bodies of multilateral agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services, and representatives of the four UN partners of IPBES. In this capacity, he will be invited to attend the 23rd (April 2025) and 24th (July 2025) meetings of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and to provide an update on relevant work of IPCC.