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**MATTERS RELATED TO UNFCCC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES**

**Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)**

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This note recalls 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 since IPCC 62 on current work of IPBES relevant to the work of IPCC.

### I. Ongoing IPBES assessments and other work

IPBES is 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 these nexus elements and climate change. The summary for policymakers and chapters are available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/nexus-assessment>
- 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 and chapters are available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/transformative-change-assessment>
- Approved the undertaking of a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, for consideration by the Plenary in 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>

The following assessments are ongoing:

The **business and biodiversity assessment** (methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people), which will be considered by the Plenary at IPBES 12, 3 to 8 February 2026 in Manchester, U.K..

The **monitoring assessment** (methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people) which will be finalized for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 13 (October 2027, tbc). A draft of the assessment will be made available for external review from 3 November 2025 to 7 January 2026.

The **spatial planning and connectivity assessment** (methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity) which will be finalized for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 13. The experts have been selected (list of

experts available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/spatial-planning-assessment/experts>) and the external review of the assessment is planned for mid-2026.

The **second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services**, which is expected to be similar in scope to the first IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and anticipated to be launched in 2028. The experts have been selected (list of experts available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/second-global-assessment/experts>) and the first external review of the assessment is planned for the first half of 2026.

The IPBES Secretariat will bring the invitations to participate in the external reviews of these draft assessments to the attention of the IPCC Secretariat for dissemination.

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. IPBES is also developing a code of practice on the use of artificial intelligence tools in the delivery of its work programme.

## **II. Engagement with IPCC**

As reported to IPCC 62, the IPBES Plenary, in decision IPBES-11/1 also addressed IPBES' engagement with IPCC. 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>

As part of the decision, the Plenary invited the IPBES 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. Such information exchange has been happening regularly over the past months through various channels, including through the IPCC and IPBES Chairs, secretariats and experts involved in assessments and work on scenarios and models and on Indigenous and local knowledge informally exchanging relevant experiences and information.

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 compilation had been made available to IPCC for information through a letter to the IPCC Chair.

The Plenary had also 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 will be planned for the second half of 2026. The Plenary invited IPCC to suggest to the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) a list of relevant IPCC experts to participate in the workshop. The Plenary also invited IPCC to consider co-sponsoring the workshop.

According to the IPBES rules of procedure, the Chair of IPCC is an observer to the MEP, along with 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 (UNEP, UNESCO, FAO, UNDP). In this capacity, the IPCC Chair and the Deputy Secretary of IPCC attended online for the 23<sup>rd</sup> (April 2025) and 24<sup>th</sup> (July 2025) meetings of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and provided an update on relevant work of IPCC.