



## ***Call for nomination of experts to IPBES***

### ***Background***

The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES; [www.ipbes.net](http://www.ipbes.net)) was formally established in Panama 2012. IPBES is supposed to be a mechanism recognized by both the scientific and policy communities to synthesize, review, assess and critically evaluate relevant information and knowledge. SCB has, through its ad-hoc committee, followed and contributed during the whole establishment process and been represented at all important meetings since 2009. At its second plenary meeting in Antalya Turkey in December 2013 the first work programme of IPBES was adopted. By this IPBES moves into an active phase and will depend on the contributions and work of numerous experts.

### ***Nomination of experts***

As SCB is a global organization highly relevant for IPBES we see it as critical to utilize our member network to identify qualified and relevant experts for the different tasks and assessments that are about to start in 2014. We therefore call upon the sections and our national contact points for immediate support in this process. **It is a matter of urgency since the time period for nomination is short with a first deadline already by February 28!** The nominations should be accompanied by full CVs and clearly stating which of the groups the person is nominated for. Also, it is necessary that a nominee is available for the Expert Group meeting dates suggested (see below). SCB can, as a recognized scientific organization, directly nominate persons for the different groups of experts. The identified expert to be nominated directly by SCB should be submitted through our Executive Office.

Due to the decision taken by the IPBES plenary, most experts (80%) have to be selected from government nominations. This suggests that, having identified experts, the Sections, aided by national contact points, should *also* explore the possibility to nominate through national governments. A list of country focal points is available at the IPBES home page:

- [www.ipbes.net/images/IPBES National%20Focal Points from Members of the Platform%20Dec2.pdf](http://www.ipbes.net/images/IPBES_National%20Focal_Points_from_Members_of_the_Platform%20Dec2.pdf)

In doing so, please make sure to also inform the EO on any nomination done through national governments!

**Hence, we urge you as individual Sections to consider nominating experts for the groups listed below and to utilize your national contact points in doing so. Nominations could be done:**

- i) By SCB as a scientific organization. If so, please send an email with the nominees CV and information on which expert group the person should be nominated to the Executive Office at latest by **10 February**. **See the text box above for where to send nominations.**

### **Send Nominations To:**

To allow administration of this nomination, please send your suggestions (with CVs) to the EO at latest by **10 February** to Bege Jonsson, chair of the SCB IPBES Ad Hoc Committee:

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- ii) Through national governments by providing relevant governments with the requested information in good time before February 28. If so, please consider informing the Executive Office of such nominations.

### ***Experts groups to be established early 2014***

Below follows a list of the different groups for which experts are sought. The current list is a short compilation of the different task. More information on the specific task for the expert groups and task forces are available at [www.ipbes.net/images/IPBES-2-17%20%20%20-%20%20Advance%20En.pdf](http://www.ipbes.net/images/IPBES-2-17%20%20%20-%20%20Advance%20En.pdf) (pages 48 – 79). **Task force on capacity building**

- a. It is expected that the Platform through this task force will establish enhanced human, institutional and technical capacities for an informed and effective implementation of Platform functions. It is also expected that the deliverables under the objective will enhance the interaction between different knowledge systems at and across different scales. The first meeting of the task force is anticipated in the week commencing 19 May 2014.
- 2. Task force on indigenous and local knowledge systems**
    - a. The task force will facilitate a roster and network of experts to support the Platform's work, a number of global dialogue workshops of indigenous and local knowledge experts, a review of regional case studies of approaches to working with indigenous and local knowledge, and the delivery of a preliminary and final set of procedures and approaches for working with indigenous and local knowledge systems. The first meeting of the task force is anticipated in the week commencing 16 June 2014.
  - 3. Task force on knowledge and data**
    - a. The task force should identify and prioritize **key scientific information needed** for policymakers at appropriate scales and catalyze efforts to generate new knowledge. It will furthermore provide guidance on how to manage and present knowledge and data. The generation, access to and management of knowledge and data would be supported by thematically widespread networks of institutions and other relevant initiatives. The first meeting of the task force is anticipated in the week commencing 2 June 2014.
  4. An expert group on the development of a **guide to the production and integration of assessments** from and across all levels.
    - a. The group of experts will develop a guide for the production and integration of assessments across scales from the local level to the global level. The guide to be developed will address practical, procedural, conceptual and thematic aspects for undertaking an assessment, taking into account different visions, approaches and knowledge systems. It will identify the need for harmonized approaches to data, so as to allow for the aggregation and disaggregation of data and knowledge across scales. A meeting of the expert group is anticipated in the week commencing 5 May 2014.
  5. An expert group for assessment on **pollination and pollinators associated with food production**.
    - a. The expert group will evaluate the changes in animal pollination as a regulating ecosystem service that underpins food production and its contribution to gene flows and restoration of ecosystems. It will address the role of native and exotic pollinators, the status of and trends in pollinators and pollination networks and services, drivers of change, impacts on human well-being, food production of pollination declines and deficits and the effectiveness of responses to pollination declines and deficits. A meeting of the assessment author group is anticipated in the week commencing 30 June 2014.

6. An expert group for a **methodological assessment on scenario analysis and modeling of biodiversity and ecosystem services**.
  - a. The expert group will analyze scenarios and models, including those based on participatory methods have been identified as policy support tools and methodologies that can help decision makers to identify development pathways with undesirable risks and impacts on human well-being and to envisage alternative pathways that would attain the goal of conserving and sustainably using biodiversity. A full scoping meeting for the assessment is anticipated in the week commencing 28 April 2014.
  
7. An expert group for **scoping of a methodological assessment on the conceptualization of values of biodiversity**.
  - a. Development of a preliminary guide on the subject. A full scoping meeting for the assessment is anticipated in the week commencing 28 April 2014.
  
8. An expert group for in developing a catalogue of **policy support tools and methodologies**.
  - a. An online catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies, including various visions, approaches and knowledge systems, will be established to facilitate easy access by decision makers to tools and methodologies. Guidance will be developed on how the customization and further development of policy support tools and methodologies could be promoted and catalyzed. A meeting of the expert group is anticipated in the week commencing 5 May 2014.

### ***Second round of call for experts***

The list above represents the first call for experts. Later during 2014 (currently anticipated in late March), a second call will be circulated for i) scoping and authoring regional and sub-regional assessments, ii) an assessments relating to land degradation and restoration, iii) invasive alien species, and iv) sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity.

For more information please feel free to contact Bege Jonsson, chair of the Ad Hoc IPBES Committee at: [Bengt-Gunnar.Jonsson@miun.se](mailto:Bengt-Gunnar.Jonsson@miun.se)