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NOTIFICATION

Call for nominations of experts Call for expressions of interest in providing technical support units

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Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

We would like to thank you again for the great outcome of IPBES-6 in Medellin, Colombia. Following that success, we are now contacting you regarding the three assessments which the Plenary decided to initiate in 2018 and 2019.

The Plenary in decision IPBES-6/1 approved:

- the undertaking of a methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, hereafter referred to as “the assessment on values”, following IPBES-6, for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES-9 (section VI, para 3)¹;
- the undertaking of a thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species following IPBES-6, for consideration by the Plenary by no later than IPBES-10 (section V, para 2)²; and
- the undertaking of a thematic assessment of invasive alien species, following IPBES-7, for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES-10 (section V, para 3).

In line with the agreed procedures for the preparation of the Platform’s deliverables, the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel would like to formally invite governments and other relevant stakeholders:

- 1- to nominate experts for:
 - a. the assessment on values; and
 - b. the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species; and
- 2- to make offers for hosting a technical support unit (TSU) for:
 - a. the assessment on values;

¹ Based on a scoping document set out in annex VI to decision IPBES-4/1; please access this scoping document on values via this [link](#).

² Based on a scoping document set out in annex IV to decision IPBES-5/1; please access this scoping document on the sustainable use of wild species via this [link](#).

- b. the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species; and
- c. the assessment of invasive alien species.³

1- Nomination of experts

All governments and relevant organizations or institutions are encouraged to submit nominations. Nominating organizations or institutions are not required to have been admitted to the Plenary of IPBES as an observer. Please help us to disseminate this call for nominations of experts widely to relevant institutions and organizations.

Expertise of candidates should match the needs of one of the two assessments, and be in line with the themes and skills required in the chapters of their respective scoping documents (please see footnotes 1 and 2 to access the scoping documents).

Nominated experts should have expertise in one or more disciplines of natural science, social science or the humanities, be indigenous and local knowledge experts or have expertise in indigenous and local knowledge systems, or be policy experts and practitioners. All nominees should have experience in working within interdisciplinary, international and/or global contexts.

We are particularly looking for experts with a scientific and/or practical background in: ecological and environmental economics, environmental and sustainability sciences, environmental ethics and philosophy, environmental sociology and anthropology, environmental psychology and behavioral science, environmental history, science and technology studies, political ecology, human geography, human ecology, cultural ecology, environmental policy and law, political sciences and trade, and from other fields related to integrative approaches to human-nature relations and linking knowledge to policy and practice.

Governments and organizations are invited to nominate women as well as men with a diversity of disciplinary backgrounds in order to ensure a balanced team of experts.

Please follow this procedure to nominate experts:

1. Nominees are invited to fill out the application form and attach their curriculum vitae through the [dedicated web portal](#). *(To access this page, you will need to log in with your IPBES web site login credentials or Nominees not yet registered on the IPBES web site will need to do so by clicking on the "Create new account".)*
2. The nominating government or organization (Nominator) indicated by the Nominee will receive an email with a link to the nomination form and will be invited to approve and submit the nominations in the web portal.
3. Nominators and Nominees will receive a confirmation via email once the nomination has been duly submitted.

Interested experts (Nominees) are encouraged to contact their IPBES National Focal Point (<https://www.ipbes.net/national-focal-points>) regarding any country-specific processes or deadlines and are requested to fill out their application form by no later than **1 June 2018**. Nominators (governments or

³ Note that there will be a separate call for nominations of experts for the assessment of invasive alien species, later this year.

organizations) should approve the applications and submit their nominations by **11 June 2018**. Early nominations ahead of the deadline are encouraged. Experts will be selected according to the IPBES rules of procedure during the eleventh meeting of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau, taking place 25-29 June 2018 in Bonn, Germany. Experts will be informed of their selection in July 2018.

All nominated experts need to be available to attend their respective assessment's first author meeting, which are scheduled as follows (venues for these meetings will be communicated in due course):

- Assessment on values: 10-14 September 2018;
- Assessment of sustainable use of wild species: 24-28 September 2018.

More information on the work of experts and on financial support available to selected experts can be found [here](#).

2- Offers to host technical support units

Following decision IPBES-6/1 (section IX), the secretariat is herewith issuing an open call for expressions of interest to provide technical support units (TSUs) for:

- a. the methodological assessment on values;
- b. the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species; or
- c. the thematic assessment of invasive alien species.

Governments or organizations interested in providing one of these technical support units are invited to send their offer, using the template provided [here](#), to the Secretariat at secretariat@ipbes.net by **16 May 2018**.


The offer should include specific information on:

- the assessment for which the offer is being made;
- background and relevance of the hosting institution to the assessment;
- the administration and staffing of the technical support unit;
- funding arrangements, including a budget detailing how the IPBES dedicated funds and the matching in-kind contribution from the host institution will be used.

The technical support units will also be selected during the week of 25-29 June 2018.

I thank you in advance for your nominations and offers and your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary