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Notification: Call for offers to host the technical support unit for the IPBES transformative change assessment

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

The Plenary, at its eighth session, held online from 14 to 24 June 2021, approved the undertaking, for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 11 (decision IPBES-8/1), of a 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).

In the same decision, the Plenary requested the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau and in accordance with the approved budget set out in the annex to decision IPBES-8/4, to establish the institutional arrangements necessary to implement the technical support required for the work programme.

I am pleased to herewith invite Governments and relevant organizations or institutions to **submit to the secretariat their offers to host the technical support unit for the transformative change assessment.**

As stated in the rolling work programme up to 2030 of IPBES, technical support for the implementation of the work programme is provided by the secretariat and, for some of the objectives, complemented by a technical support unit, as appropriate. The secretariat issues open calls for expressions of interest in providing technical support, including in-kind support from Governments and other stakeholders, for the establishment of these units. The most suitable institutions will be selected by the Bureau and will work under the authority of the Executive Secretary (see annex I to decision IPBES-7/1).

Interested Governments or organizations are invited to submit their offer prepared according to the template provided [here](#) and to attach the filled out application form provided [here](#) to the secretariat at secretariat@ipbes.net by **31 August 2021**.

The offer should include specific information regarding:

- Relevance of the work of the host institution to the transformative change assessment;
- Administration and staffing of the technical support unit;
- Funding arrangements, including a budget detailing how the dedicated funds from the IPBES trust fund and the matching in-kind contribution from the host institution would be used.

The host organization of the technical support unit for the transformative change assessment will be selected by the IPBES Bureau at its 17th meeting, and institutional arrangements subsequently put in place in line with agreed procedures.

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



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