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Invitation to the informal preparatory meeting for the ninth session of the IPBES Plenary, (23 to 27 and 31 May 2022, online)

Dear IPBES members and observer States,

The ninth session of the IPBES Plenary (IPBES 9) will be held **from 3 to 9 July 2022 in Bonn, Germany** (see notification [EM/2021/24](#)).

Considering the positive experience with the preparatory process for IPBES 8, the IPBES Bureau decided to conduct a **preparatory process for IPBES 9**, as previously announced in notification [EM/2021/36](#).

As part of this process, Members and observer States are invited to submit **final written comments** on some of the working documents ahead of IPBES 9 to allow the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, Bureau and assessment experts to prepare for the session. Further information on this review was made available in notification [EM/2022/13](#).

I have the pleasure to invite you to an informal preparatory meeting, to be held online on **23–27 May 2022**, which is intended to allow members and observer states to exchange views and informally consider the summaries for policymakers of the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species and of the assessment on values; the scoping report for the business and biodiversity assessment, task force work plans, as well as terms of reference for a midterm review of the rolling work programme up to 2030 of IPBES and engagement with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Members will be invited to identify areas where divergent views might still exist and to use the time until IPBES 9 to address these points in informal consultations. Interpretation into the 6 official UN languages will be available.

I also have the pleasure to invite members of IPBES to an informal preparatory meeting on the budget, to be held online on **31 May 2022**.

National focal points are invited to register and nominate additional delegation members, by **13 May 2022**, through the following steps:

- 1) Register as a user of the IPBES website (<https://ipbes.net/user/register>) if you do not yet have an IPBES user account;

- 2) Complete the registration form for the meetings <https://ipbes.net/ipbes-9/informal-preparatory-meeting/registration> (the form is only accessible if you are logged in as an IPBES website user).

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

Yours sincerely,



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Annex

Daily schedule (all times are Central European Summer Time)

23 May 2022	
Time	Item
Noon–1 p.m.	Arrival of participants to test microphones
1–1.10 p.m.	Welcome and introduction by the Chair of IPBES
1.10–1.20 p.m.	Presentation by the Executive Secretary on the planned organization of work of IPBES 9 and next steps in the preparatory process
1.20–1.30 p.m.	Presentation of the scoping report of the business and biodiversity assessment
1.30–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of the scoping report of the business and biodiversity assessment
2.45–3 p.m.	Summary of issues identified and next steps
3 p.m.	Closing of the meeting by the Chair of IPBES

24 May 2022	
Time	Item
Noon–1 p.m.	Arrival of participants to test microphones
1–1.10 p.m.	Welcome and introduction by the Chair of IPBES
1.10–1.45 p.m.	Presentation of workplans for IPBES task forces, work programme deliverables for objectives 2-4 and the foundations of the nature futures framework
1.45–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of workplans for IPBES task forces, work programme deliverables for objectives 2-4 and the foundations of the nature futures framework
2.45–3 p.m.	Summary of issues identified and next steps
3 p.m.	Closing of the meeting by the Chair of IPBES

25 May 2022	
Time	Item
Noon–1 p.m.	Arrival of participants to test microphones
1–1.10 p.m.	Welcome and introduction by the Chair of IPBES
1.10–1.25 p.m.	Presentation of the summary for policymakers of the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species
1.25–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of the summary for policymakers of the assessment of the sustainable use of wild species
2.45–3 p.m.	Summary of issues identified and next steps
3 p.m.	Closing of the meeting by the Chair of IPBES

26 May 2022	
Time	Item
Noon–1 p.m.	Arrival of participants to test microphones
1–1.10 p.m.	Welcome and introduction by the Chair of IPBES
1.10–1.25 p.m.	Presentation of the summary for policymakers of the assessment on values
1.25–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of the summary for policymakers of the assessment on values
2.45–3 p.m.	Summary of issues identified and next steps
3 p.m.	Closing of the meeting by the Chair of IPBES

27 May 2022	
Time	Item
Noon–1 p.m.	Arrival of participants to test microphones
1–1.10 p.m.	Welcome and introduction by the Chair of IPBES
1.10–1.30 p.m.	Presentation of information on requests for future IPBES assessments, engagement with IPCC and draft terms of reference for a midterm review of the 2030 rolling work programme of IPBES
1.30–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of information on requests for future IPBES assessments, engagement with IPCC and draft terms of reference for a midterm review of the 2030 rolling work programme of IPBES
2.45–3 p.m.	Summary of issues identified and next steps
3 p.m.	Closing of the meeting by the Chair of IPBES

31 May 2022	
Time	Item
Noon–1 p.m.	Arrival of participants to test microphones
1–1.10 p.m.	Welcome and introduction by the Chair of IPBES
1.10–1.30 p.m.	Presentation of the budget document
1.30–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of the budget document
2.45–3 p.m.	Summary of issues identified and next steps

3 p.m.

Closing of the meeting by the Chair of IPBES