



Introduction to the nexus assessment

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Context & introduction to the nexus assessment

▪ Approval and launch

- At IPBES 7 (April/May 2019, Paris), Plenary approved a scoping process for a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health
- Undertaking of the assessment was approved at IPBES 8 (June 2021)

▪ Context

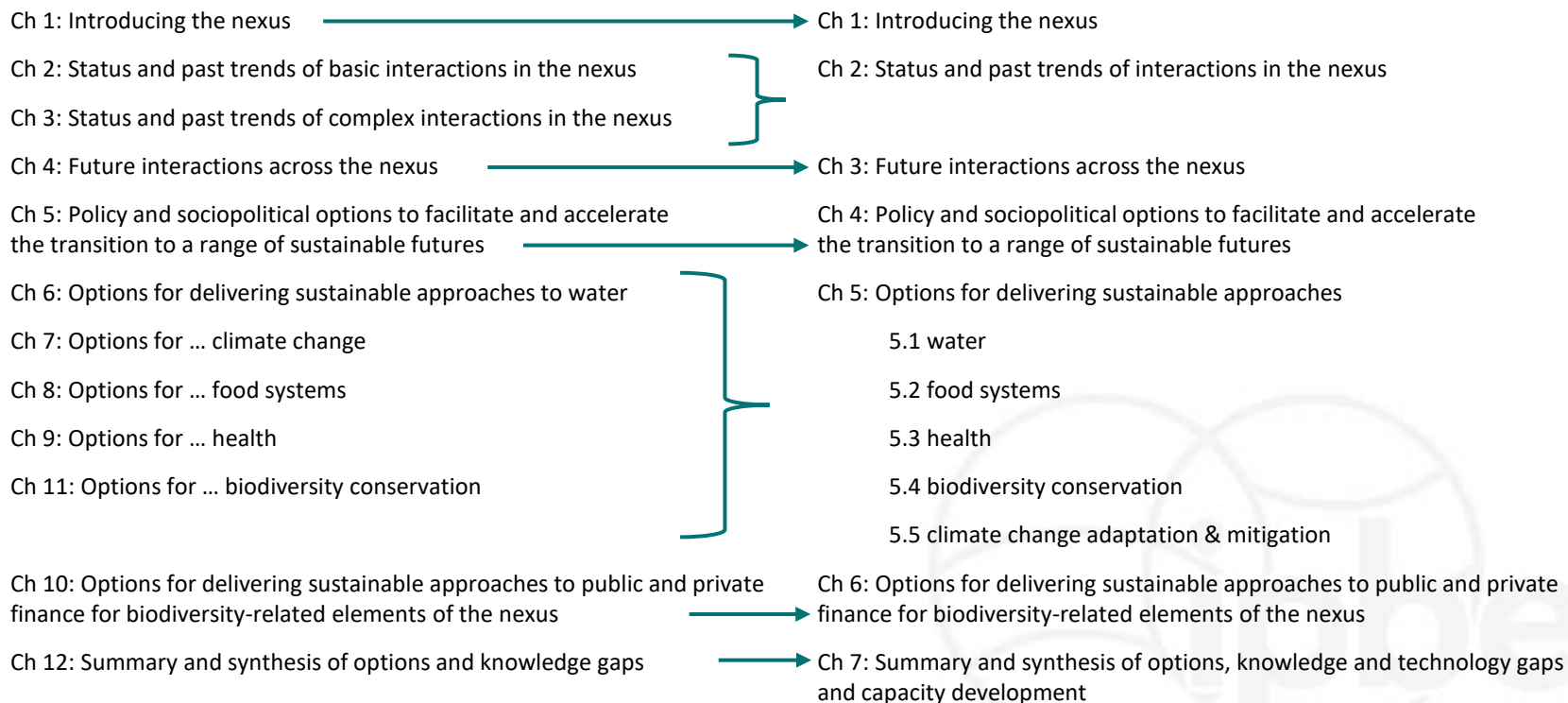
- Supports objective 1 of the work programme: *To assess the state of knowledge on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people in support of sustainable development*
- The assessment will fully take into account the IPBES conceptual framework, addressing all elements and interactions in the framework and fully recognizing and considering different world views and different knowledge systems, including science and Indigenous and local knowledge systems

▪ Scope of the assessment

- The report will assess the state of knowledge on past, present and possible future trends in the interlinkages among nexus elements to inform the development of policies and actions
- The assessment will highlight thresholds, feedback and resilience in nexus linkages, as well as opportunities, synergies and trade-offs between different response options
- The assessment is global in scope but will highlight and interpret regional and subregional similarities and differences

Revised chapter structure

Reduction in chapters from 12 to 7 (without changing content)



Assessment team

▪ Expert group

- 3 co-chairs
 - David Obura (Kenya)
 - Pam McElwee (United States)
 - Paula Harrison (United Kingdom)
- 25 coordinating lead authors
- 117 lead authors
- 13 review editors
- 13 fellows

▪ Management committee

- 3 MEP members:
Alla Aleksanyan, Luthando Dziba, Isabel Sousa Pinto
- 2 Bureau members:
Douglas Beard and Hamid Čustović



Nexus activities

AUTHOR MEETINGS

- First author meeting was held in Frankfurt, Germany in May 2022
- Second author meeting and first summary for policymakers meeting will be in March 2023

FIRST EXTERNAL REVIEW

- Review of the first order draft of the chapters
- 9 January – 19 February 2023

KNOWLEDGE FOUNDATIONS & CAPACITY BUILDING

- Second Indigenous and local knowledge (ILK) dialogue for the assessment will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand in January 2023
- Stakeholder dialogues will be held in February 2023, during the external review

ENGAGING WITH THE TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE ASSESSMENT

- Bi-monthly meetings with transformative change assessment co-chairs
- Sharing of draft chapters
- Cross-assessment working groups (WG)
 - WG1: overview – overall links between assessments, conceptual frameworks
 - WG2: futures, pathways, and scenarios
 - WG3: case studies and response options



Introduction to the first order draft of the chapters

■ 11 chapters for review

- Chapter 1 – framing the Nexus
- Chapter 2 – status and past trends of interactions in the Nexus
- Chapter 3 – future interactions across the Nexus
- Chapter 4 – policy and sociopolitical response options
- Chapter 5 sub-chapters (the “5.xs”) – sector-based response options
 - Chapter 5.1 – water
 - Chapter 5.2 – food
 - Chapter 5.3 – health
 - Chapter 5.4 – biodiversity
 - Chapter 5.5 – climate change
- Chapter 6 – finance response options
- Chapter 7 – summary chapter, zero order draft version for this review

■ Glossary



Timeline

Online introductory meetings

February 2022

1st author meeting
May 2022

1st ILK dialogue
workshop
June 2022

2nd author meeting
1st SPM meeting
20-26 March 2023

2nd SPM
meeting
2nd quarter 2023

3rd author meeting
3rd SPM meeting
1st quarter 2024

1st order draft
of the chapters

2nd order draft of the chapters
1st order draft of the SPM

Final chapters
and SPM

**IPBES 11
(2024)**

Scoping
reports
approved by
Plenary
June 2021

**WE
ARE
HERE**

1st external review
1st quarter 2023
(9 Jan. – 19 Feb.)
+ *second ILK dialogue
and informal stakeholder
dialogues*

2nd external review
4th quarter 2023
+ *informal stakeholder
dialogues*

**Final Government
review of the SPM**
3rd quarter 2024

**Approval
by Plenary**



Thank you!

¡Gracias!

Merci !



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