

Annex V to decision IPBES-10/1

Workplan for objective 3 (a): advanced work on knowledge and data – knowledge generation catalysis, for the intersessional period 2023–2024

1. The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and the Bureau will oversee and take part, within the scope of their respective mandates, in the implementation of the following workplan for the knowledge generation catalysis aspect of objective 3 (a), supported by the secretariat, including a dedicated technical support unit.
2. Activities for the review and further development, based on lessons learned from ongoing assessments, of the process for catalysing the generation of new knowledge, the living guidelines to support assessment authors in identifying knowledge gaps and the template for the collection of knowledge gaps will include the development of a proposal to enhance the early and efficient communication of knowledge gaps related to upcoming and ongoing IPBES assessments in collaboration with the task forces for scenarios and models and for Indigenous and local knowledge.
3. Activities for the provision of support to assessment authors in identifying knowledge gaps, including in producing a list of knowledge gaps as part of the assessments, using the guidelines and template, will include overseeing the technical support provided to assessment experts in the process of knowledge gap identification, presentation and collection.
4. Activities for the promotion of actions by relevant external organizations and initiatives to address identified knowledge gaps will include:
 - (a) Overseeing the development of a space on the IPBES website where knowledge gaps identified in completed IPBES assessments can be easily accessed, filtered and searched;
 - (b) Overseeing the issuance of a notification by the secretariat communicating the knowledge gaps identified in the assessment of invasive alien species to IPBES members and stakeholders;
 - (c) Providing input to dialogue meetings with national focal points to share knowledge gaps identified in completed IPBES assessments with a view to supporting Governments in facilitating the generation of new knowledge (see annexes III and VII);
 - (d) Providing input to (online) workshops organized by regional networks of research programmers and funders or the biodiversity and ecosystem services research community to communicate knowledge gaps identified in completed IPBES assessments to those networks and their members;
 - (e) Development of an outreach strategy and engagement plan to communicate knowledge gaps to research programming and funding organizations.
5. The impact of knowledge generation catalysis efforts to effectively fill the identified gaps will be monitored and evaluated.
6. Activities to ensure effective implementation of the workplan include the development and monitoring of a set of relevant indicators for measuring effectiveness. The set of indicators developed will be presented to the Plenary, at its eleventh session, as part of the draft workplan for the intersessional period 2024–2025.
7. A call for submissions on ways to strengthen the ambition of the work of IPBES on knowledge generation catalysis will be issued after the tenth session of the Plenary. The submissions will be considered in the development of the draft workplans for the intersessional periods 2024–2025 and 2025–2026, for the implementation of the knowledge generation catalysis element of objective 3 (a), which the Plenary will consider at its eleventh session.