

**The IPBES Youth Workshop 2024
of the IPBES task force on capacity-building
under the 2030 IPBES rolling work
programme**

6-9 December 2024, Windhoek, Namibia

Concept note for the IPBES youth workshop 2024

Building capacity of youth and
supporting strengthened engagement in IPBES

Objective of the IPBES youth workshop 2024

[The IPBES youth workshop](#) aims to build capacities of young people (18-30 years) to support their engagement in IPBES, and to support increased understanding and use of IPBES assessments and other products among young people, other individuals and organizations. Participants will learn about the general structure and work of IPBES, including past and ongoing IPBES assessments. Current aspects of IPBES work will be discussed in more detail, such as the exploration of pathways to desirable nature futures of biodiversity and ecosystem services for both sea- and landscapes from the perspective of early-career professionals. Participants will also take part in exploring novel and creative ways of communicating the importance of biodiversity and nature's contributions

Youth engagement in IPBES

The workshop will build on earlier work of IPBES. Young and early-career individuals have engaged with IPBES in many ways, including through participating in the previous IPBES youth workshops and in the IPBES fellowship programme. The 6th meeting of the IPBES capacity-building forum focused on considerations and efforts to further build capacities of youth and support their participation in the science-policy interface on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people at national, regional and global levels. Young people from almost 50 countries, representing many youth organizations and networks participated in the meeting, both online and in person.

Date and venue

The IPBES youth workshop 2024 will be an in-person meeting and be held back-to-back with IPBES 11 in Windhoek, Namibia on 6 to 9 December 2024.

Participants

The youth workshop will bring together 25 participants, including five participants from each of the five UN regions (Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Western Europe and others).

An open call for nominations of participants, including selection criteria, will be issued. Selection of participants will be conducted by the capacity-building task force management committee. Support for participation in the youth workshop will be provided to all 25 selected candidates.

Support for travel, meals, and accommodation will be provided to all participants by the Governments of Finland, Norway and the UK, as well as by Future Earth.

Expected outcomes

The IPBES youth workshop will provide an opportunity for youth to engage with, take part in and contribute to the work of IPBES, in particular capacity building and the nature futures framework.

The expected outcomes of the workshop are:

- Increased knowledge and understanding of IPBES and its mandate and work.
- Increased contributions to the work on nature futures framework by exchanging on pathways to desirable nature futures of biodiversity and ecosystem services from the perspective of early-career professionals.
- Increased insight on ways to effectively communicate the importance of biodiversity for nature and people.