**Guiding questions**

**Call for input regarding the strategic framework of the future IPBES work programme**

The following questions are provided to help focus the input from IPBES members and other interested stakeholders and should be submitted **by 23 May 2018**, to secretariat@ipbes.net

# **How to further strengthen and better integrate the four functions of IPBES?**

For all of the four functions:

* How to improve processes, activities and deliverables that have been undertaken during the first work programme?
* Is there a need for other types of processes, activities, and deliverables to strengthen these functions?

## How to strengthen the assessment function?

* Would it be a good idea to develop technical papers from the finalised assessments targeted at specific audiences?
* Should there be distinct fast track assessments to answer more short-term assessment needs?
* Do you have other suggestions?

## How to strengthen the policy support function?

* Would it be a good idea to undertake methodological assessments focusing on the effectiveness of various policy instruments and policy support tools, and afterwards to catalyse their further development (similar to what has been done for scenarios and models)?
* Do you have other suggestions?

## How to strengthen the capacity building function?

* Can you suggest activities not addressed by the current plan for capacity-building (Annex I to decision IPBES-5/1), to more systematically and effectively catalyse the building of capacity?
* Do you have other suggestions?

## How to strengthen the knowledge generation function?

* What further activities could IPBES undertake to more systematically and effectively identify knowledge needs and catalyse the generation of knowledge to address these needs?
* Do you have other suggestions?

## How to better integrate the four functions of IPBES?

* In what way could the 4 functions be conceptually more effectively integrated?
* What institutional arrangements could help the further integration of the functions?

## How to keep the work programme “rolling”?

* What processes are needed for allowing recurrent requests for deliverables to be received, considered and approved?

# **How to further strengthen institutional arrangements established to implement the four functions?**

## Plenary sessions

* What sequence of Plenaries (at IPBES-6 an 18-month sequence emerged as a possibility) would seem optimal?

## Engagement of policy makers and practitioners

* What mechanisms could be proposed to strengthen engagement of policy makers and practitioners (e.g. more informal/technical consultation workshops)?

## Expert groups and task forces

* What task forces are needed and how would they be constituted?
* Do you have a suggestion on ways to do things differently, if necessary?

## Indigenous and local knowledge (ILK)

* How could the work with ILK be further improved to implement the approach?
* Do you have suggestions regarding the implementation of the participatory mechanism?

## Engagement with partners

* How to further strengthen the engagement of relevant Multilateral environmental agreements and UN agencies?
* How to further strengthen and broaden the engagement of other types of partners?

## Communication and outreach

* How to further strengthen the IPBES communication and outreach?

## Mobilisation of resources for IPBES

* Do you have a suggestion to make the allocation of resources to IPBES more sustainable?