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Invitation to the informal preparatory meeting for the tenth session of the IPBES Plenary (24 to 28 July 2023, online)

Dear IPBES members and observer States,

The tenth session of the IPBES Plenary (IPBES 10) will be held **from 28 August to 2 September 2023** in **Bonn, Germany** (see notification [EM/2022/45](#)).

Considering the positive experience with the preparatory processes for IPBES 8 and IPBES 9, the IPBES Bureau decided to conduct a **preparatory process for IPBES 10**, as previously announced in notification [EM/2023/08](#).

As part of this process, Members and observer States will be invited to submit **final written comments** on some of the working documents ahead of IPBES 10 (tentative deadline: 11 August 2023) to allow the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, Bureau and assessment experts to prepare for the session. Further information on the review will be made available in due course. All Plenary documents will be made available in the coming weeks at: <https://www.ipbes.net/events/ipbes-10-plenary>.

I have the pleasure to already invite you to an informal preparatory meeting, to be held online on **24–27 July 2023**, which is intended to allow Members and observer States to exchange views and informally consider:

- The summary for policymakers of the invasive alien species assessment,
- Draft task force terms of reference and workplans,
- Requests, inputs and suggestions regarding the rolling work programme of IPBES up to 2030,
- Draft terms of reference for the mid-term review of IPBES, and
- Information on 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 10 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 **28 July 2023**.

National focal points are invited to register and nominate additional delegation members, by **10 July 2023**, 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://www.ipbes.net/ipbes-10/informal-exchange-of-views/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)

24 July 2023	
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 10 and next steps in the preparatory process
1.20–1.35 p.m.	Presentation of the summary for policymakers of the invasive alien species assessment
1.35–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of the summary for policymakers of the invasive alien species 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

25 July 2023	
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
1.20–1.30 p.m.	Presentation of draft task force terms of reference and workplans
1.30–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of draft task force terms of reference and workplans
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 July 2023	
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 requests, inputs and suggestions regarding the rolling work programme of IPBES up to 2030
1.25–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of requests, inputs and suggestions regarding the rolling work programme of IPBES up to 2030
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 July 2023	
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 draft terms of reference for the mid-term review of IPBES
1.25–2 p.m.	Informal consideration of draft terms of reference for the mid-term review of IPBES
2–2.10 p.m.	Presentation of information on engagement with IPCC
2.10–2.45 p.m.	Informal consideration of engagement with IPCC
2.45–3 p.m.	Summary of issues identified and next steps
3 p.m.	Closing of the meeting by the Chair of IPBES