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Notification: Call for nominations of fellows for the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

The IPBES Plenary, in decision IPBES-11/1, approved the undertaking of a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The overall objective of the second IPBES global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services (referred to hereafter as “the second global assessment”) is to assess relevant knowledge that has become available since the publication in 2019 of *The Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and to assess progress towards achieving the goals of sustainability and living in harmony with nature. The second global assessment will strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people on a range of spatial scales, from the local to the global, by providing the knowledge and the policy support tools needed for informed decision-making. The second global assessment will be delivered in 2028.

Further to the call of nominations of experts for a second global assessment ([EM/2025/04](#)), Governments and other relevant stakeholders are herewith invited **to nominate candidates to participate in the IPBES fellowship programme for the second global assessment.**

The IPBES fellowship programme, which is part of a larger capacity-building portfolio of activities, targets **early-career individuals**¹ who wish to gain experience by participating in the work of IPBES. Selected fellows will participate in the preparation of the chapter of the assessment for which they are selected, and their contribution will be acknowledged as part of the citation for that chapter. Fellows will attend author meetings and receive training to gain an in-depth understanding of the IPBES assessment processes and the science-policy interface. Fellows will also be paired up with a mentor for the assessment period.

The assessment will be conducted in line with the procedures for IPBES deliverables set out in decision IPBES-3/3, annex I (available [here](#)) and based on the scoping report for the assessment (available [here](#)).

¹ Indicatively not older than 35 years of age and preferably not more than 5-7 years after having completed their academic degree.

IPBES is seeking fellows who have experience in regional and global analyses relating to nature and nature's contributions to people in terrestrial, inland water, coastal and marine ecosystems. They should have expertise relevant to the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services in one or more disciplines within natural science, social science or humanities. IPBES is, in particular, seeking fellows with an interdisciplinary background. IPBES is also looking for fellows on Indigenous and local knowledge.

Governments and relevant stakeholders are invited to include in their nominations candidates with diverse backgrounds and expertise, and ensure gender balance in their nominations.

All nominated candidates (nominees) need to be available to attend the relevant author meetings, training workshops and induction day for fellows, with the induction day and first author meeting tentatively scheduled for end of November 2025.

All Governments and relevant organizations or institutions are encouraged to submit nominations; nominating organizations or institutions are not required to have been admitted to the Plenary of IPBES as an observer. Please help us to disseminate this call for nominations of fellows widely.

Please follow the below procedure for nomination:

- **Sharing the call of nomination:** All Governments and relevant organizations or institutions are invited to disseminate this call.
- **Completing the application form (candidates):** Interested candidates are invited to complete the application form and attach their curriculum vitae through the dedicated web portal at <https://www.ipbes.net/second-global-assessment/fellows-application> (to access this page you will need to log in with your IPBES website log in credentials. Nominees not yet registered on the IPBES website will need to do so at <https://ipbes.net/user/register>). Please note that the nomination form is in English only and applications should be submitted in English, as the assessment process will be conducted in English;
- **Approval and formal nomination (Governments/organizations):** The nominating Government or organization (nominator) indicated by the nominee will receive an email with a link to the nomination form and will be invited to approve and submit the nominations in the web portal;
- **After nomination:** Nominators and nominees will receive confirmation via email once the nomination has been submitted by the nominator.

Interested **early-career individuals** wishing to be nominated by a Government are encouraged to contact their IPBES National Focal Point (<https://www.ipbes.net/national-focal-points>) regarding any country specific processes or deadlines and are requested to fill out their application form by **28 March 2025**.

Nominators (Governments or organizations) should submit the nominations of all nominees, which they would like to support, before **6 April 2025**. Early nominations ahead of this deadline are encouraged. Fellows will be selected by the management committee of the second global assessment, which includes the co-chairs of the assessment and members of the IPBES Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel.

More information on the IPBES fellowship programme, including selection criteria and available support to selected fellows, can be found on the IPBES webpage: <https://ipbes.net/ipbes-fellowship-programme>.

An online dialogue meeting will be organized to facilitate and strengthen engagement by Governments and stakeholders in the nomination of experts and fellows. The meeting will provide information regarding the required relevant expertise of nominees and the nomination process, and will also provide an opportunity for current and previous IPBES experts and fellows to share their experiences. The dialogue meeting is scheduled for 12 March 2025, 1 p.m. CET. More information will follow shortly.

I thank you in advance for your nominations and your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,



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