

Questionnaire on IPBES Stakeholder Engagement

Aim of the survey

This survey is intended for PBES stakeholders. Stakeholders are all organizations and individuals interested in and/or engaged in the work of IPBES, which are not member States of IPBES. This survey is not addressed to the Governments which are members of IPBES, nor to their National Focal Points in their respective ministries.

The aim of this survey is to better understand stakeholder engagement with IPBES, to improve implementation of the IPBES stakeholder engagement strategy, and to further increase the inclusivity and effectiveness of the IPBES work programme. Results will help, for instance, to better align communication and outreach, and to strengthen collaborative processes within the IPBES work programme.

Completing the survey should take approximately **12 to 15 minutes**. The questionnaire is divided into 6 themes (listed below). It is necessary to please answer all questions for your inputs to be considered, in order to enable robust statistical analysis.

IPBES is very grateful for your participation and asks that you please provide detailed information to help us to improve our engagement with you. Please also accept the data sharing policy below. If you do not wish to accept the data sharing policy, we will be unable to include your responses in the results.

List of themes

- A. About yourself
- B. About your organization / affiliation
- C. How do you engage with IPBES?
- D. Motivations / obstacles to engaging with IPBES

E. Personal perception of IPBES work and processes related to stakeholder engagement

F. IPBES communication

Data sharing policy

Do you accept that the data gathered through this survey (excluding any personal identifiers and specific contact details) may be used for public research purposes, as well as to inform the IPBES stakeholder engagement strategy and work programme processes?

☐ Yes

Marking 'Yes' is mandatory to continue with the survey.

A. About yourself

0. Gender, age

Please select your gender:

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Transgender

☐ Prefer not to answer

Please select your age category:

☐ Under 18

☐ 18 to 24

☐ 25 to 34

☐ 35 to 44

☐ 45 to 54

- ☐ 55 to 64
- ☐ 65 to 74
- ☐ 75 or older
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

1. What is the primary location of your professional activity?

Country: <list of choices>

Place/city/town:

Postal code/ZIP:

2. What is/are your nationality(ies)? (please mark all that apply)

<list of choices>

3. What is your main professional status? (please only select one)

- ☐ Employee
- ☐ Independent consultant / self-employed
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other (please specify one word in English):...

4. What is your primary field of professional activity as an individual? (please only select one)

- ☐ Policy
- ☐ Research / production of knowledge / teaching

Please also specify your field of expertise (only select one):

- ☐ *Natural science and physics*
- ☐ *Technology and engineering*
- ☐ *Social science (political science, psychology, economics, anthropology, geography, etc.), humanities and law*
- ☐ *Interdisciplinary science*
- ☐ *Indigenous and local knowledge*
- ☐ *Other type of knowledge (specify only a few words in English):...*
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Human development

- ☐ Business and industry
- ☐ Advocacy
- ☐ Communication, media and public relations
- ☐ Other (specify only a few words in English):...

B. About your organization/affiliation?

5. Do you belong to an organization?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (then SKIP to question 10)

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6. Please insert the full name of your organization:

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7. What type of organization is it? (please only select one)

- ☐ Research organization
- ☐ Public sector organization
- ☐ Private sector organization
- ☐ Civil society organization
- ☐ Intergovernmental organization
- ☐ International organization
- ☐ Other (specify only a few words in English):...

8. What is the primary field of activity of your organization (please only select one)

NB: Your answer may differ from question 4 where you were identifying your professional field as an individual.

- ☐ Policy
- ☐ Research / production of knowledge / academia

Please also specify the field of expertise (only select one):

- ☐ Natural science and physics

- ☐ *Technology and engineering*
- ☐ *Social science (political science, psychology, economics, anthropology, geography, etc.), humanities and law*
- ☐ *Interdisciplinary science*
- ☐ *Indigenous and local knowledge*
- ☐ *Other type of knowledge (specify only a few words in English).....*
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Human development
- ☐ Business and industry
- ☐ Advocacy
- ☐ Communication, media and public relations
- ☐ Other (specify only a few words in English):...

9. Is your organization an [accredited observer](#) to IPBES Plenary sessions?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

10. Do you belong to a main network? (for instance, indigenous and local knowledge networks, IUCN Commissions, Future Earth, etc.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. Please insert the full name of your main network:

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C. How do you engage with IPBES?

'Engaging with IPBES' refers to actions that stakeholders can take to contribute to IPBES products and processes and/or to use IPBES products and resources.

12. Which (if any) of the following IPBES tools, resources and products do you use, and how often?

Items	Frequency	Link to webpage
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Capacity-building webpages	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/o2-building-capacity
Catalogue of assessments	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/catalogue-assessments
Events/Calendar	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/events
Impact tracking database	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/impact-tracking-view
IPBES Assessment full reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/assessing-knowledge
IPBES Assessment Summaries for Policymakers	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/assessing-knowledge
IPBES Plenary decisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/documents-by-category/Decisions
Meeting documents (for example, MEP, Bureau, Task Forces)	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/meeting-documents
Website 'Media Watch'	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/communications-stakeholder-engagement
Online conferences	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> More than twice	https://ipbes.net/econference-nexus https://ipbes.net/online-conference-seek-input-scoping-process-transformative-change-assessment-9-11-october-2019
Policy support portal	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/policy-support

IPBES social media channels	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	
Stakeholder webpages	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/communications-stakeholder-engagement
Webinars	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/webinars
E-learning	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/e-learning
Guide on the production of assessments	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice <input type="checkbox"/> Several times <input type="checkbox"/> Once or several times a month	https://ipbes.net/guide-production-assessments

13. How do you use IPBES tools, resources and products in your activities? (select all that apply)

- ☐ I use IPBES products and tools in policy and/or decision-making
- ☐ I use IPBES products and tools in curriculum, teaching, training
- ☐ I use IPBES findings and tools in reports and projects
- ☐ I use IPBES findings in research activities
- ☐ I use IPBES findings about research gaps in the development of new research priorities
- ☐ I use of IPBES findings for fund raising and/or resource mobilisation
- ☐ I disseminate IPBES findings and tools among peers and professional networks
- ☐ I organize IPBES uptake events
- ☐ Other:

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14. In what main capacity do you (or your organization) engage with IPBES? (please only select one)

As:

- ☐ A policymaker
- ☐ A scientist / knowledge-holder
- ☐ A teacher / trainer
- ☐ A practitioner
- ☐ A business
- ☐ A student
- ☐ Other (please specify one word in English):....

15. How long have you been engaging* with IPBES? (*‘Engaging with IPBES’ refers to actions that stakeholders can take to contribute to IPBES products and processes and/or to use IPBES products and resources.)

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 to 2 years
- ☐ 3 to 5 years
- ☐ More than 5 years

16. In the last 3 years, how have you engaged with IPBES? (please mark all that apply)

- ☐ Expert in one or more scoping processes
- ☐ Author, contributing author or review editor to assessment/s
- ☐ External reviewer
- ☐ Bureau member
- ☐ Multidisciplinary Expert Panel member
- ☐ Task Force member
- ☐ Accredited observer
- ☐ Participation in Stakeholder Day(s) prior to IPBES Plenaries
- ☐ Participation in IPBES online conferences / webinars / e-learning
- ☐ Nomination of experts / taskforce members / fellows
- ☐ Contribution to IPBES capacity building work

- ☐ Contribution to IPBES national / regional platform
- ☐ Participation in an IPBES self-organized stakeholder network
- ☐ Dissemination and communication of IPBES products, tools or findings
- ☐ Contribution to the IPBES Impact Tracking Database (TRACK)
- ☐ No such engagement

17. On average, how frequently do you interact with members of IPBES subsidiary bodies (Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel), task forces, expert groups or the secretariat (including technical support units)?

- ☐ Once a month or more
- ☐ Several times a year, but not regularly
- ☐ Once or less than once per year
- ☐ Never

18. Participation in IPBES Plenary sessions: how often has your organization attended IPBES Plenary sessions?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Once
- ☐ Twice
- ☐ Three times or more
- ☐ Don't know

19. IPBES self-organized stakeholder networks (ONet, IIFBES)

a. Are you a member of ONet (Open-Ended Network of IPBES Stakeholders)?

<https://ipbes.net/group/onet>

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (SKIP to question 19c)

b. If yes:

b.1. What motivated you to join ONet?

- ☐ Networking
- ☐ Experience and knowledge-sharing
- ☐ Learning, capacity-building
- ☐ Visibility of my organization
- ☐ Better impact on IPBES processes
- ☐ A concrete way to contribute to sustainability
- ☐ Others (specify only a few words in English):...

b.2. What benefit do you see in belonging to ONet?

- ☐ Networking
- ☐ Experience and knowledge-sharing
- ☐ Learning, capacity-building
- ☐ Visibility of my organization
- ☐ Better impact on IPBES processes
- ☐ A concrete way to contribute to sustainability
- ☐ No clear benefit
- ☐ Others (specify only a few words in English):...

b.3. What do you want from ONet that you do not yet get?

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(SKIP to question 19d)

c. If no: why not?

- ☐ I was not previously aware of the existence of this network
- ☐ I find the network to not be relevant/not useful for me
- ☐ I do not have sufficient time
- ☐ I am unclear about how ONet works or what it does
- ☐ Others (specify only a few words in English):...

d. Are you a member of IIFBES (International Indigenous Forum for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (SKIP to question 19f)

e. If yes:

e.1. What motivated you to join IIFBES?

- ☐ Networking
- ☐ Experience and knowledge-sharing
- ☐ Learning, capacity-building
- ☐ Visibility of my organization
- ☐ Better impact on IPBES processes
- ☐ A concrete way to contribute to sustainability
- ☐ Others (specify one word in English):...

e.2. What benefit do you see in belonging to IIFBES?

- ☐ Networking
- ☐ Experience and knowledge-sharing
- ☐ Learning, capacity-building
- ☐ Visibility of my organization
- ☐ Better impact on IPBES processes
- ☐ A concrete way to contribute to sustainability
- ☐ No clear benefit
- ☐ Others (please specify one word in English): ...

e.3. What do you want from IIFBES that you do not yet get?

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(SKIP to question 20)

f. If no: why?

- ☐ I was not previously aware of the existence of this network
- ☐ Not relevant/not useful for me
- ☐ I do not have sufficient time
- ☐ I am unclear about how IIFBES works or what it does
- ☐ Other (specify only a few words in English):...

D. Motivations / obstacles to engage with IPBES

20. What are the main motivations for you/your organization to engage with IPBES? (select no more than two options)

- ☐ Networking
- ☐ Experience and knowledge-sharing
- ☐ Learning and capacity-building

- ☐ Visibility for me or my organization
- ☐ To impact IPBES processes
- ☐ A way to contribute to sustainability and/or conservation
- ☐ Others (specify only a few words in English):....

21. What are the main obstacles to you/your organization/institution engaging more extensively with the work of IPBES? (rearrange the following items, by moving them, from the most important to the less important)

- ☐ High number of competing work commitments
- ☐ Language barriers
- ☐ Unclear how IPBES works
- ☐ Lack of financial support to participate
- ☐ Insufficient acknowledgement from my organization/institution of the value of my engagement with IPBES
- ☐ Lack of time or resources made available to me by my organization/institution
- ☐ My own lack of relevant expertise
- ☐ Other:

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22. Which of the following types of tools, resources and products of IPBES are/would be most useful for your/organization/institution's work? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Hard-copy outputs (e.g. Summaries for Policymakers of approved IPBES Assessments)
- ☐ Electronic outputs (e.g. Summaries for Policymakers of approved IPBES Assessments)
- ☐ Policy tools
- ☐ Capacity-building events
- ☐ Webinars /e-learning and online guides
- ☐ Other (specify only a few words in English): ...

23. If you engage with IPBES as a scoping expert, author, contributing author or review editor: which statement best represents your perspective?

- ☐ Skip to question 24 (*not applicable to me*)

- ☐ I am satisfied with the expert selection process and with the scientific experience that I experienced.
- ☐ I am not satisfied with the expert selection process; however I am satisfied with the scientific experience.
- ☐ I am not satisfied with the scientific experience; however I am satisfied with the expert selection process.
- ☐ I am not satisfied with the selection process, nor with the scientific experience.
- ☐ Other:

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24. If you engage with IPBES as a policymaker: to what extent do IPBES tools, resources and products help you define/communicate/implement/advance better environmental policies, decisions and actions?

- ☐ Skip to question 25 (*not applicable to me*)
- ☐ Highly
- ☐ Moderately
- ☐ Not really
- ☐ Not at all

25. If your organization engages with IPBES as an accredited observer, this enables it to:

- ☐ Skip to question 26 (*My organization is not an accredited observer*)
- ☐ Learn from IPBES processes
- ☐ Mainly network with IPBES members
- ☐ Mainly network with other accredited observer organizations
- ☐ Take part in discussions about IPBES
- ☐ Influence IPBES processes
- ☐ Have little/no influence on IPBES processes

E. Personal perceptions about IPBES work and processes related to stakeholder engagement

26. How do you perceive IPBES processes?

- ☐ Clear and transparent
- ☐ Clear but not transparent
- ☐ Transparent but difficult to understand
- ☐ Difficult to understand and not transparent
- ☐ Other (specify only a few words in English):

27. How do IPBES processes include stakeholders? (please select only one)

- ☐ IPBES mostly includes stakeholders in assessment processes and knowledge generation processes
- ☐ IPBES mostly includes stakeholders in capacity building
- ☐ IPBES mostly includes stakeholders in policy support
- ☐ IPBES includes stakeholders in all four of its functions (assessments, knowledge generation, capacity building and policy support)
- ☐ IPBES mostly includes stakeholders in dissemination of IPBES outputs
- ☐ Unclear how IPBES includes stakeholders

28. Regarding stakeholder engagement, which statement best represents your perspective?

- ☐ IPBES is open to stakeholder engagement
- ☐ IPBES is somewhat open to stakeholder engagement
- ☐ IPBES is not open enough to stakeholder engagement

=> if you think that it is not open enough/somewhat open, please elaborate:

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F. IPBES Communication

29. What are your preferred methods of communication?

Please indicate your preferences for receiving communication/accessing information from IPBES by means of the following methods. Please indicate your level of preference for each of the methods listed.

Communication	Strongly prefer	Somewhat prefer	Neither prefer	Somewhat dislike	Strongly dislike

			nor dislike		
Tele-/video-conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-person/face-to-face communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media Please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linkedin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
YouTube	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webinar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IPBES Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. Would you be willing to be interviewed further in the coming months by means of a more qualitative survey related to IPBES stakeholder engagement?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please share your email address (this address will not be shared):

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31. Do you have any other comments, questions or concerns about IPBES ?

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32. Do you have any other comments, questions or concerns about this survey?

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