



IPBES youth workshop

IPBES (The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services) works to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development. To do this, IPBES draws on the vast capacities of the individuals, organizations and institutions already working on biodiversity and ecosystem services across the world.

This workshop contributes to the overarching objective of IPBES by expanding involvement in IPBES' efforts and increasing use of IPBES products. It supports the implementation of the IPBES capacity-building rolling plan through promoting the fellowship programme and further expanding and supporting the development of communities of practice.

Objectives

The meeting objectives are as follows:

- Familiarize participants with the work of IPBES and explore how participants and their networks can contribute; and
- Explore future scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services from the perspective of early-career professionals and thus contributing to IPBES' work on scenarios and models.

Date and place

The workshop will take place 27-28 June 2019 in São Pedro, Brazil.

Organizers

The workshop will be organized under the auspices of the IPBES capacity-building task force in collaboration with the IPBES expert group on scenarios and models, the Norwegian Environment Agency, the Brazilian Platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (BPBES), the São Paulo Research Foundation's Research programme on Biodiversity, Characterisation, Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use (BIOTA-FAPESP), the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS), and the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI). The workshop is funded by the Norwegian Environment Agency.

Participants

The workshop will be attended by 30 early-career representatives from Governments, organisations and networks working on issues related to biodiversity and ecosystem services. Participants will comprise scientists, decision- and policymakers and practitioners, including representatives of different knowledge systems. It is envisioned that approximately 1/3 of the participants will come from Brazil, 1/3 will come from other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 1/3 will come from the rest of the world. To reach relevant organizations and networks, a call for participants will be issued by the IPBES secretariat and particularly well-placed organizations will be encouraged to apply. The criteria for selection of participants will be specified in the call, and the final selection of participants will be done by the IPBES task force on capacity-building.