



Invitation and agenda of the open event on IPBES (Naturpanelet) at the University of Bergen

"A conversation with IPBES"

The IPBES Chair and Executive Secretary, and the majority of the 144 national focal points of IPBES are meeting in Bergen 5-7 December 2023. The University of Bergen is the host for this important dialogue amongst IPBES national focal points and world leading experts on Invasive alien species, the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health in the context of climate change and transformative change.

This provides a unique opportunity to have a conversation with IPBES to learn about the important work of IPBES and explore different meaning roles and ways Academia, NGOs and other stakeholders in Bergen could take part in the science-policy interface at local, national, and global levels.

The University of Bergen, the Norwegian Environment Agency and the Norwegian climate foundation (Klimastiftelsen) are delighted to invite to an **open meeting to learn about IPBES and its work, connect with likeminded people and explore different ways to (further) engage with IPBES**. This meeting will place at:

Place: Egget, Studentsenteret, Parkveien 1

Date: Thursday 7 December at 08:30-10:30 CET

Registration: (add link) for food ordering purpose, deadline (add date)

Introduction to IPBES (Naturpanelet)

IPBES, the Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, has over the last decade been instrumental in developing science policy and science diplomacy around nature conservation and management. The landmark IPBES global assessment from 2019 presented the most comprehensive evidence showing Nature's dangerous decline and the need for transformative change to restore and protect nature. IPBES continues its mission to strengthen policy and decisions, specifically through assessing the state of knowledge on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people and capacity-building.





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Objective of the open event on IPBES

The event will provide an opportunity to engage with IPBES to learn more about its work, including the latest approved assessment on Alien species and the ongoing assessments Nexus (biodiversity, water, food, health) and Transformative change. It also provides a unique opportunity to connect IPBES experts and likeminded people interested in and working on topics related to biodiversity and Nature's contribution to people.

Draft agenda

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Time (CET)	Agenda Item	Speakers
08:30-09:00	Coffee/tea	Meet and greet – getting to know the participants
09:00-09:10	Welcome	University of Bergen (other hosts) IPBES Chair (David Obura) and Executive Secretary (Anne Larigauderie)
09:10-09:30	Conversation with IPBES on "What is IPBES and why is it important?"	Moderator: Klimastiftelsen Speakers: IPBES Chair and Executive Secretary Mentimeter: questions to the speakers
09:30-09:50	Key findings of the latest approved assessment, the invasive alien species assessment and insights into the IPBES assessment process	Moderator: Klimastiftelsen Speakers: co-chairs of IPBES assessments (IAS co-chair: Helen Roy, Nexus co-chairs: Pamela Mcelwee and Paula Harrison, and Transformative change co-chair: Karen O'Brien) Mentimeter: questions to the speakers
09:50-10:00	How to engage with and contribute to the work of IPBES? Future opportunities to engage with IPBES.	Moderator: Klimastiftelsen Speakers: IPBES Chair and Executive Secretary Mentimeter: inputs on how to support increased engagement among Academia and beyond
10:00-10:30	Continue the conversation over drinks and finger food in the foajé	Networking

