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Background:

The role of scenarios and models in IPBES is to explore plausible future paths of the human society and the consequences of these paths for biodiversity and ecosystem services. A wide variety of approaches and methods have been developed to create scenarios of plausible pathways or envision desired endpoints. These scenarios can be used to develop a broad range of models and policy options to project the impacts of changes in key drivers (e.g., land use change, changes in fishing pressure, climate change) on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and explore scientific as well as policy needs/gaps under different scenarios.

At the 3rd IPBES Plenary, the IPBES task force on capacity-building (deliverables 1 (a) and 1 (b)) proposed priority capacity-building needs, including a need to develop training programmes to enhance individual, institutional and national capacities for effectively achieving the Platform's deliverables and strengthening the science-policy interface. According to document IPBES/3/3 (Outcome of the task force on capacity-building (deliverables 1(a) and 1(b))), training programmes will be developed in line with specific needs, including, among others, a training-of-trainers course on the Platform guide of assessments (deliverable 2 (a)), technical workshops on Platform guidance for the use of policy support tools and methodologies (deliverable 4 (c)) and the guide for the use of scenario analysis and modelling in assessments (deliverable 3 (c)).

This workshop responds to the last of these needs, and is designed to develop training programmes with specific focus on biodiversity and ecosystem services scenarios and modeling, in collaboration with the IPBES capacity building task force.

Objective:

1. Review and share best practices and lessons on utilization of findings from biodiversity and ecosystem service scenario and modeling studies, and on capacity building activities for biodiversity and ecosystem service scenarios and modeling.
2. Co-design a pilot training programme(s) on biodiversity and ecosystem service scenarios and modeling by identifying the target, duration, required knowledge and skills, course outline, module components, training materials, list of instructors, etc.
3. Discuss implementation plan of the training programme(s) and future work plan.

Expected Outputs & Outcomes:

1. UNU-IAS: Event Report (Website: Japanese & English)
2. Workshop Report to be submitted as information document to 4th IPBES Plenary
- 3: Overview/Review Paper (peer-reviewed journal article)
4. Policy Brief (English)

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Program:

Date	Time	Event
17 June. (Wed)	09:00-12:30	Joint Plenary Session of IPBES Participatory Scenario Workshop and ScenNet Tokyo Workshop Opening remarks Self-introduction of the participants Summary of IPBES Participatory Scenario Workshop (Salvatore Arico or Paul Leadley) Background and objectives of ScenNet Tokyo Workshop (Saito)
	12:30-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-17:00 14:00-16:00	Review Session: Review and share best practices and lessons on utilization of findings from biodiversity and ecosystem scenario and modeling studies, and capacity building activities (the participants from the IPBES participatory workshop could be invited to present on this topic, too): Experiences from different countries: 1. Presentation from Asia-Pacific (Osamu Saito & Kikuko Shoyama) 2. Presentation from Asia-Pacific (Wayne S. Meyer) 3. Presentation from Europe (Garry Peterson) 4. Presentation from Latin America (Leticia Merino (tbc)) 5. Presentation from Africa (Wendy Foden & Eric Mungatana) 6. Presentation from IPBES capacity building task force (Bjarte Rambjør Heide)
	16:00-16:30 16:30-18:00	Coffee Break Discussion
	18:30	Reception
18 June (Thu)	AM 9:00-12:00	Training Programme Development Session - Framework of training programme: Topic of training programmes; target trainees, duration, required knowledge and skills, course outline, module components, training materials, list of instructors - Design of breakout group formation and process
	12:00-13:00	Lunch
	PM 13:00-17:00	Breakout group session (Part 1) Co-design of pilot training programme(s)
	18:00	Plenary Session
19 June (Fri)	AM 9:00-12:00	Breakout group session (Part 2) Develop implementation plan of pilot training programme(s)
	12:00-13:00	Lunch
	PM 13:00-15:00	Wrap-up session (Plenary) - Synthesis - Outline and timeline of the workshop's outcome document - Closing remarks (co-chairs)