



Dear Friends of IPBES,

The IPBES secretariat is pleased to announce the first-ever IPBES podcast: *Nature Insight - Speed Dating with the Future*, launching on Wednesday 8 July.

Co-hosted by Rob Spaul, Head of Communications at IPBES, and Brit Garner, science communicator and co-host of SciShow, this first IPBES podcast series features six unique and diverse expert voices from the wider IPBES community.

It will bring personal perspectives on the incredible values of nature from around the world direct to your headphones and speakers – all you have to do is subscribe to *Nature Insight* wherever you get your podcasts or through the link:

<https://link.chtbl.com/cNKLPxsi>.

*Nature Insight* will feature short and impactful stories from people on the frontlines of biodiversity research, policy and action, to illustrate the incredible importance of nature and its contributions to people.

While many of the conversations and stories will focus on ways to improve the relationship between humans and other species, the series kicks off with invaluable insights into the current COVID-19 pandemic and how we can predict and reduce the risks of future pandemics through changes in public policy, local community empowerment and personal behaviour.

Our first guest is renowned disease ecologist Dr. Peter Daszak, president of the non-profit, non-governmental EcoHealth Alliance and an IPBES expert lending expertise to the forthcoming [nexus assessment](https://ipbes.net/nexus). (<https://ipbes.net/nexus>)

“We estimate 1.7 million viruses in wildlife that could emerge in the future. Most of them won’t be able to become pandemic, but there will be lots that can,” said Dr. Daszak, emphasizing the importance of preventive measures that can protect the health of people and the rest of nature as well.

In addition to insights on zoonotic diseases and pandemics, *Nature Insight* will explore biodiversity topics such as Indigenous and local conservation, achieving transformative change towards global sustainability, protecting marine and coastal ecosystems in the context of climate change, the role of business in transformative change and the diverse ways in which communities around the world attach value to nature.

We would like to ask for your help please in spreading the word about this new IPBES project, particularly with our collection of social media assets available here: <https://trello.com/b/agpU1p11/ipbes-podcast>

Everyone is welcome to [listen to the podcast trailer now](#) (<https://link.chtbl.com/cNKLPxsi>) and we encourage you (and all of your friends, family and colleagues) to [subscribe in advance](#) (<https://link.chtbl.com/cNKLPxsi>) to be updated every week when the newest episode is available.

We hope that you enjoy this new way to engage with our vital work as the broader IPBES community on science and policy for people and nature.

Best regards and thanks,

Anne Larigauderie  
Executive Secretary

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