

We are delighted to share that Dr. Shalini Dhyani, Principal Scientist @CSIR\_NEERI, has been selected by the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel of Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (@IPBES\_) as a Coordinating Lead Author (CLA) for the second global assessment of **Biodiversity** and **Ecosystem Services** of the @IPBES\_. The second global assessment (2026-2028) will strengthen the **Science Policy** interface on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people on a range of spatial scales, by providing the knowledge and the policy support tools needed for informed decision-making. Dr. Shalini will play a leading role as a CLA in ensuring that cross-cutting scientific, technical, or socioeconomic issues of significance are addressed in a complete and coherent manner. This selection is testimony to her decades of leadership, scientific contribution, and cooperation in conserving biodiversity and ecosystems in the warming world, using people-centric, **Sustainability Science** approaches. Established in 2012, the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (@IPBES\_) is a global science-policy platform with membership from 147 countries, with @UNEP, @UNDP, @UNESCO, and @FAO as partners. @IPBES\_ is committed to strengthening the role of science in public decision-making on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

