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First session**

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Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Status of the membership of the Platform;
 - (b) Election of officers of the Bureau of the Plenary of the Platform (chair, vice-chairs and other Bureau members);
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Credentials of representatives.
4. Rules and procedures for the operations of the Plenary of the Platform:
 - (a) Rules of procedure for meetings of the Plenary;
 - (b) Policy and procedures for the admission of observers.
5. Initial work programme of the Platform:
 - (a) Next steps required for the preparation of the initial work programme;
 - (b) Procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform;
 - (c) Role of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in overseeing the preparation of the initial work programme;
 - (d) Possible institutional arrangements for the implementation of the work programme.
6. Nomination and selection of the members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel.
7. Institutional arrangements:
 - (a) Secretariat: joint proposal by the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme;
 - (b) Link between the Platform and the United Nations system.
8. Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform:
 - (a) Financial procedures;
 - (b) Initial budget of the Platform.

9. Provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Plenary of the Platform.
 10. Adoption of decisions and the report of the session.
 11. Closure of the session.
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