

## International Platform for Ocean Sustainability Call for Peer Review and Enhancement –1<sup>st</sup> Working Cycle (Rapid Response)

The International Platform on Ocean Sustainability (IPOS) is seeking experienced **peer-reviewers** to ensure the scientific and ethical quality and suggest improvements to IPOS outputs that will be published for its first working cycle (*Rapid Response #1 – BBNJ Implementation in the legal and normative framework of Costa Rica*).

**Deadline for the call:** March 10th, 2026

**Deadline for the review:** March 31st, 2026.

### Context:

IPOS aims to bring together transdisciplinary knowledge — including natural, social and human sciences, as well as insights from the private sector, civil society, and local and Indigenous knowledge systems — to support decision-makers through concrete policy options. It seeks to strengthen dialogue and collaboration among diverse knowledge holders, notably through an international Coalition of Scientific Institutions bringing together more than 60 universities, research centers, and academies.

This first Rapid Response focuses on supporting Costa Rica in preparing for the effective implementation of the BBNJ Agreement. IPOS was asked to provide support and information to adapt the Costa Rican national policy frameworks and identify necessary legal and institutional adjustments to ensure that these obligations are fully integrated at the national level. This request will also give the opportunity to serve as a reference for other States seeking to strengthen their preparedness for implementing the BBNJ Agreement, thus supporting collective efforts to achieve its objectives. This work will foster greater coherence in global ocean governance and contribute to the effective conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

### Role of Independent Experts:

The selected reviewers will be asked to:

- **Assess the scientific robustness, clarity of the draft deliverable** prepared by the IPOS team and external experts as well as the fair representation of diverse knowledge sources.
- **Assess the relevance and comprehensiveness of the evidence base** used by the IPOS OceanGPT tool, ensuring the fair representation of all the knowledge systems and identifying potential biases or knowledge gaps to be mentioned in the deliverable.
- **Suggest improvements to strengthen conclusions and policy options**, ensuring that results are usable and relevant for the requesting State.

### Expected workload and timeline:

The workload is estimated at 2 working days in total. Reviewers will receive a concise review template to guide their input. The review shall be delivered and incorporated in 2-3 weeks.

- **Call for reviewers:** February 25th, 2026, to March 10th, 2026.
- **Selection and notification:** March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- **Review period #1:** March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to March 20th, 2026
- **Review period #2:** March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to April 3rd, 2026.
- **Final Submission of the deliverable:** April, 2026.

### Compensation:

Peer reviewing for IPOS is a compensated contribution. Financial compensation will be offered to the peer-reviewers who require assistance to participate. Based on comparable international practices (e.g. FAO, private sector), the suggested honorarium for reviewers requesting compensation is approximately USD 500 per day.

### Profile of experts:

We welcome applications from experts of various knowledge systems, including academic (natural and human & social science) and non-academic experts (policy experts, representatives of the private sector, civil society, and local and Indigenous knowledge systems). They will be asked to review the content of the deliverable as well as its format, ensuring that both are adapted to the needs of the requesting State and the reality of the knowledge-policy interface. Key qualities will be valorized:

- Professional experience across academic, governmental, civil society, Indigenous, community-based, private sector and cultural contexts,
- Recent publications or documented contributions on relevant thematic areas,
- Established relationships with relevant communities
- Recognition within relevant professional or scientific communities.
- Experience in transdisciplinary or policy-science interface processes
- Experience or expertise in multi-cultural contexts,
- Demonstrated methodological expertise,
- Previous peer-review or editorial experience,
- Communications or language expertise,
- Complementary expertise and experience among the peer reviewers will be valued.

### How to apply

Please send your short CV (max. 2 pages) to [pierre.karleskind@ipos.earth](mailto:pierre.karleskind@ipos.earth) and [guillermo.ortunocrespo@ipos.earth](mailto:guillermo.ortunocrespo@ipos.earth):

Deadline for applications: March 10th, 2026.

### Selection criteria

Reviewers will be selected to ensure diversity in disciplinary background, geographic representation, gender balance, and institutional affiliation. For further information about IPOS and its knowledge processes, please visit [ipos.earth](http://ipos.earth).

We thank all applicants for their interest in supporting IPOS's mission to advance ethical, inclusive, and evidence-based ocean sustainability.