

Dr. Shalini Dhyani, Scientist-E, CSIR-NEERI has been elected as a Member of the Multidisciplinary Experts Panel (MEP) for the next three years (2026-2029) by the 12th Session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-12), held in Manchester, UK, from 3–8 February 2026. She is the first Indian woman to join the MEP of IPBES for this term.

The MEP of IPBES comprises 25 distinguished experts, including co-chairs and regional representatives, elected through a competitive process to oversee the scientific and technical functions of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Dr. Shalini has been associated with IPBES for over a decade. She served as a Lead Author for IPBES Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment (2015–2018), Thematic Assessment of Sustainable Use of Wild Species (2018–2022), and was selected as a Coordinating Lead Author for Global Assessment II in 2025.

At a time of triple planetary crisis and interlinked socio-economic and ecological challenges, her selection will strengthen efforts to IPBES’ mission to enhance science-policy interface, amplify Global South concerns, and advance inclusive, just, evidence-based solutions to address biodiversity loss for resilient futures.



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IPBES Roles

Asia-Pacific assessment-lead author
Sustainable use assessment-lead author
Second global assessment-coordinating lead author
MEP 2026-2029-MEP member