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## NOTIFICATION

### **Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: Nomination of experts and review of documents**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the call from the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) to nominate experts on a number of deliverables under its 2014 – 2018 Work Programme. As you recall, the Work Programme of IPBES directly responds to a number of requests from the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its deliverables will be highly relevant to the work under the Convention.

The global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services of IPBES will inform the final assessment, by the Conference of the Parties, of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in 2020. In particular, the global assessment will inform a potential fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook as well as the update of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity beyond 2020.

The various other assessments of IPBES (methodological, thematic and subregional/regional assessments) will be reviewed by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) with regard to their implications for the future work under the Convention. For example, SBSTTA 20 is expected to consider the implications of the thematic assessment of pollinators, pollination and food production and the policy support tools and methodologies for scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Taking into account the importance of the IPBES Work Programme for the CBD, I encourage you to facilitate the nomination of suitable candidates to contribute to the following deliverables:

(a) A set of regional and sub-regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services (Decision IPBES/3/1 Annex III), implementing work programme deliverable 2(b), including for:

(i) a regional and subregional assessment for the Americas region (Decision IPBES/3/1 Annex V), involving up to 100 experts, with a first authors meeting scheduled for 20 - 24 July 2015;

(ii) a regional and subregional assessment for the Africa region (Decision IPBES/3/1 Annex IV), involving up to 100 experts, with a first authors meeting scheduled for 3 -7 August 2015;

(iii) a regional and subregional assessment for the Asia and Pacific region (Decision IPBES/3/1 Annex VI), involving up to 100 experts, with a first authors meeting scheduled for 17 - 21 August 2015;

To : CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points and relevant organizations



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(iv) a regional and subregional assessment for Europe and Central Asia (Decision IPBES/3/1 Annex VII), involving up to 100 experts, with a first authors meeting scheduled for 31 August – 4 September 2015.

(b) A thematic assessment of land degradation and restoration, implementing work programme deliverable 3(b)(i) (Decision IPBES/3/1 Annex VIII), involving an expert group of up to 80 experts, with a first authors meeting scheduled for 6 -10 July 2015; and

(c) The scoping of a global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for consideration by the Plenary at its 4th session, implementing work programme deliverable 2(c), involving up to 20 experts. A scoping meeting is planned for 5 – 7 October 2015.

All interested experts are invited to fill out an application form through the dedicated web portal (<http://www.ipbes.net/applicationform.html>) by 31 March 2015, accompanied by a curriculum vitae. The nominating government or institution is requested to forward the nomination by 5 April 2015. More information on the various Task Forces and Expert Groups, as well as nomination procedures, is available on the IPBES website: <http://www.ipbes.net/>.

In addition, I would like to draw your attention to the invitation by the Executive Secretary of the IPBES Secretariat to further review a number of documents that were the object of a preliminary discussion at the third session of the IPBES Plenary (12-17 January 2015), as requested by Decision IPBES-3/1. The documents and templates for comments are available on the IPBES website ([http://www.ipbes.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=648](http://www.ipbes.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=648)). Comments need to be sent to the IPBES Secretariat (secretariat@ipbes.net) by 31 March 2015.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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