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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services' First Review by Experts of the draft reports on the thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration and of the four regional assessments

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification SCBD/SAM/RH/KM/85598, I would like to draw your attention to the recent notification from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) regarding the first review by experts of the draft reports on the thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration (Deliverable 3bi) and of the four regional assessments (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, the Americas, and Europe and Central Asia) on biodiversity and ecosystem services (Deliverable 2b). The first review by experts is now open and will run until **11 July 2016**.

Considering the relevance of these IPBES deliverables for the work of the Convention, I encourage you to participate as an expert reviewer in these review processes and/or disseminate this notification to relevant experts, as appropriate. Prospective expert reviewers are encouraged to register for the review by completing the form available from <http://www.ipbes.net/registration-review-first-order-drafts-ipbes-assessments>. Please note that in order to access this form you must have or create a user account for the IPBES website. Further information on the review processes is available from http://www.ipbes.net/sites/default/files/EM_2016_31_First_Order_Draft_Review.pdf.

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

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



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