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## NOTIFICATION

### **Preliminary gap analysis of the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision IX/15, noted the need for improved scientific information as related to *inter alia* the interests of the CBD and other biodiversity-related conventions with a view to strengthening the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the scientific advisory bodies of other biodiversity-related conventions and welcomed the agreement of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to convene an ad hoc open-ended intergovernmental multi-stakeholder meeting to consider establishing an efficient international science-policy interface on biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being.

The Ad hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), held from 10 to 12 November 2008 in Putrajaya, Malaysia, recognized the need for a gap analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing interfaces and coordination among them at all spatial scales which should also assess the potential for strengthening existing interfaces and the added value of a potential new mechanism that would overcome the recognized weaknesses in the current system.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the preliminary gap analysis is now accessible from [http://www.ipbes.net/Documents/UNEP\\_GC\\_25\\_INF\\_30.pdf](http://www.ipbes.net/Documents/UNEP_GC_25_INF_30.pdf). All other documents related to this review process, including a template, can be found at <http://www.ipbes.net>.

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

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Executive Secretary

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