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NOTIFICATION
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
call for nomination of experts and fellows

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to a call for the nomination of experts resulting from the fourth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Specifically Governments and other relevant stakeholders are invited to nominate experts to participate in the *Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*, and the workshop to further scope the *Thematic Assessment of the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity*. In addition, Governments and relevant institutions and organizations are invited to nominate fellows (early career experts) to the IPBES Fellowship Pilot Programme to participate in the *Global Assessment*.

Nominees are requested to submit their application form no later than 5 May 2016. The application form can be accessed from <http://www.ipbes.net/applicationform>. Further, Governments or organizations in charge of approving and submitting all nominations, should do so by 15 May 2016.

Considering the relevance of these IPBES deliverables for the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, I encourage you to contribute to these processes and to help disseminate this call further. The *Global Assessment*, in particular, is expected to contribute to the *fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook*, providing important inputs to the final assessment of the progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets as well as the basis for the post 2020 follow up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Further information on this call for nominations is available at the following address: www.ipbes.net/article/call-nomination-experts-and-fellows-global-assessment-and-experts-scoping-sustainable-use.

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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