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NOTIFICATION

**Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
Expert review of the First Order Draft of the IPBES thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration and of four regional assessments**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the recent notification from the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) regarding the expert reviews of the First Order Draft of the IPBES thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration (Deliverable 3bi) and of four regional assessments (Africa, Asia Pacific, Americas, Europe and Central Asia) on biodiversity and ecosystem services (Deliverable 2b). The expert reviews for these drafts will run from 30 May to 11 July 2016.

Considering the relevance of these IPBES deliverables for the work of the Convention, I encourage you to participate or otherwise contribute to these processes. Prospective expert reviewers are encouraged to register for the review by completing the registration form that will be made available on the website (www.ipbes.net) of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on 30 May 2016. Further information on the review processes is available from <http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5da0fed71c7e4399fb28ab549&id=003143a99f>.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the call by IPBES for the nomination of 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. Further information on this call for nominations is available from <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2016/ntf-2016-039-eco-en.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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