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NOTIFICATION

First External Review for the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the recent [notification](#) from the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), announcing the start of the first external review for the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, which will take place from 15 June to 15 August 2017.

In view of the vital importance of the participation of an extensive and diverse range of experts in this review process, I would like to encourage you to participate in this process. As you are aware, this global assessment will provide the scientific basis for the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. Moreover, it will be an important contribution towards the assessment of progress towards the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and also contribute to the process of preparing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Details on how to register as an expert reviewer for the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services are available on the IPBES website at: <http://www.ipbes.net/registration-first-external-review-global-assessment>.

As previously [notified](#), running in parallel to the review of the global assessment are the external reviews of the IPBES assessments for Africa, Asia-Pacific and Europe and Central Asia, and Land Degradation and Restoration (ending 26 June 2017), and the Americas regional assessment (ending 24 July 2017).

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

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