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*Dear Sir / Madam,*

The Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is a newly established global independent intergovernmental body to provide for science policy interface on policy biodiversity. The goal of IPBES is to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development. The four main functions of IPBES are: (i) knowledge generation, (ii) assessment, (iii) policy support, and (iv) capacity building. Further details about IPBES may be seen on its website ([www.ipbes.net](http://www.ipbes.net)).

The IPBES is in the process of finalising the following two assessments:

1. Pollinators, pollination and food production
2. Policy support tools and methodologies for scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The first order drafts of these two assessment reports are now available for review by experts.

As per the agreed process towards development of these reports, IPBES has invited all prospective expert reviewers with relevant expertise and/or publications to become an expert reviewer and register for either of the two reports (may see link <http://www.ipbes.net/news/637-3a-3c-fod.html>). The review is open till **March 2, 2015**. Applicants accepted by IPBES to review the report will be sent an email with the chapters of interest indicated on the registration form. Names of expert reviewers will be posted on the website and acknowledged in the Annexes of each report.

The purpose of this communication is to encourage as many scientists and experts in the subject matter of these reports to register online as prospective reviewers of these reports. Towards this, as the head of the organisation, you may wish to widely disseminate this information.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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