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Notification: External review of the draft report of the IPBES workshop on biodiversity and pandemics now live

Dear IPBES members,

You will recall that, considering the extraordinary situation caused by the novel Coronavirus and given the role that IPBES can play in strengthening the knowledge base on biodiversity links of current and future pandemics such as COVID-19 and in reaching a wide public, IPBES had organized a virtual Platform workshop on the link between biodiversity and pandemics, from 27-31 July 2020 (see notification [EM/2020/09](#) for further information). The list of participants in the workshop is available on the IPBES website [here](#).

I am pleased to announce today the start of the external review of the draft report of the workshop, which will end on **16 October 2020 (2 weeks)**.

The aim of this review is to ensure the scientific quality and credibility while increasing the policy relevance of this workshop report. Following the review period, the workshop report will be finalized, taking into account the comments received, and made publicly available in the end of October. It is also planned to prepare a laid-out version of the workshop report.

The workshop report mainly supports the scoping of the nexus assessment, while other ongoing scoping processes and assessments may be informed by the workshop report where relevant and appropriate.

If you would like to participate as an expert reviewer in this external review, please follow these steps:

- 1) Register as user of the IPBES website (<https://ipbes.net/user/register>) if you have not already done so;
- 2) Apply to become an expert reviewer of the draft report of the workshop on biodiversity and pandemics at <https://ipbes.net/user/login?destination=/biodiversity-and-pandemics-workshop-report-review/registration> (this will only work when logged in first as IPBES website user);

- 3) Once registered, you will immediately receive an email providing confidential access to the draft report and will be requested to submit your comments in English using a template that is available on the same webpage.

I thank you in advance for your participation in the review and your continued support to IPBES.



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