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14 days left for external review of three IPBES regional assessments and for land degradation & restoration assessment

Dear IPBES National Focal Points and Observers

The external review of the second order drafts of the chapters and the first order drafts of the summaries for policymakers of three IPBES regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa; Asia-Pacific; and Europe and Central Asia; as well as of the IPBES land degradation and restoration assessment will close on 26 June.

This letter serves as a kind reminder to please register as an external reviewer via the following website www.ipbes.net/sod-review (this will only work when logged in first as IPBES website user). Once registered, you will immediately receive an email providing confidential access to the draft chapters and summaries for policymakers. Comments will only be reviewed if they are submitted by the given deadline using the review template that is available on the webpage. I would also like to again request your help in spreading the news about the review to any of your colleagues who may also wish to participate.

The period for the external review of the regional assessment for the Americas started on 29 May and will run until 24 July 2017.

Finally, as part of IPBES' efforts to encourage and support Government engagement in the external review, a series of **assessment-specific webinars** have been recorded, presented by the co-chairs of the assessments. These webinars are available on the same webpage as the draft chapters and summaries for policymakers. The webinar for the Americas assessment will be made available online by 16 June 2017. The webinar for the Africa regional assessment is available both in English and in French and the webinar for the Americas regional assessment will be presented in both English and Spanish.

Thank you again for your assistance in strengthening the IPBES assessments.

Yours sincerely,



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