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

Dear scientists and other knowledge holders interested in IPBES

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the external review of the second order drafts of the chapters and the first order drafts of the summaries for policymakers of the IPBES regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Europe and Central Asia, as well as the IPBES land degradation and restoration assessment will close on 26 June.

This is a reminder that you are kindly invited to register to participate in this external review. If you haven't already done so, please review the drafts and share your substantive comments with us. Please be reminded that all review comments should be submitted by the deadline of 26 June, using the official template for review comments, which is available on the website containing the draft chapters and summaries for policymakers.

I would like to renew my request for your kind support in encouraging the participation of the widest-possible range of experts from your country, institutions and networks. The more diverse the engagement, the greater the credibility, legitimacy and policy relevance of the assessments. I would therefore be grateful if you could encourage colleagues and relevant contacts to also register for the external review of the second order draft of the IPBES assessments, via www.ipbes.net/sod-review (this will only work when logged in first as IPBES website users).

Thank you again for your help in strengthening the IPBES assessments, and your interest in IPBES!

Yours sincerely,



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