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To: IPBES Members and Stakeholders
Subject: Call for nominations for members of the IPBES review panel

Dear IPBES Members and Stakeholders,

We would like to request nominations by 2 January 2018, for members of the review panel, to conduct the external element of the first review of IPBES (Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services).

The IPBES Plenary, at its 5th session (March 2017) approved terms of reference for the review of IPBES (Decision IPBES-5/2). The external element of the review will begin, subject to the availability of funds, in March 2018, with the sixth session of the IPBES Plenary, and end in May 2019, at the seventh session of the Plenary.

The review will evaluate:

- a) Implementation of the four functions of IPBES;
- b) Application of the operating principles of IPBES;
- c) Effectiveness of the procedures for the development of IPBES deliverables;
- d) Effectiveness of the institutional arrangements of IPBES;
- e) Effectiveness of the IPBES task forces and expert groups;
- f) Effectiveness of the implementation of the financial and budgetary arrangements;
- g) Effectiveness of processes for stakeholder engagement and communication.

The review will be used as the basis for the development of a second work programme for IPBES with lessons learned from the implementation of the first work programme and recommendations that will enable IPBES to strengthen implementation of its four functions and, ultimately, its effectiveness as a science-policy interface.

The external element of the review will be conducted by a review panel comprising up to 10 reviewers with a balanced composition of government representatives, scientists and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Candidates should meet the following criteria:

- a) Relevant qualifications to conduct institutional reviews at the global level;
- b) Demonstrated track record in working with science-policy interfaces and in understanding the roles and functions of a global environmental assessment process in general and of IPBES, in particular;
- c) Belonging to one of these three categories: government representative, scientist, representative of a non-governmental organization.

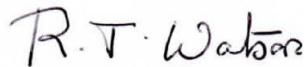
The members of the panel will be selected in response to these criteria by the Bureau in consultation with the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel. In addition, candidates should be made aware that this work will represent a significant involvement, estimated to be around 20% of their time, for the period March 2018-May 2019, including attending three to four meetings between March 2018 and May 2019. IPBES will provide financial support to cover travel expenses of all members of the review panel, but will not provide any honorarium.

The review panel will receive the administrative support of a professional organization, which is being recruited through a separate call.

Candidates should fill in the online application form <https://goo.gl/9tNzbz>. Once candidates have submitted their information, the focal point of the nominating IPBES member or organization will be notified and required to finalize the nomination on behalf of the IPBES member government or organization through the online system. IPBES members and stakeholders are asked to kindly forward the link to the online system <https://goo.gl/9tNzbz> to the candidates they would like to nominate.

The deadline for nominations is **2 January 2018**.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. T. Watson". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Sir Robert T. Watson
Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services