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Dear IPBES members and interested experts,

We are pleased to announce the start of the **external review** for the **first order draft of the summary for policymakers (SPM)** and the **second order drafts of the chapters of the IPBES global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services**.

Deadlines for submission of comments are **29 June for the chapters** and **9 July for the SPM**, respectively.

Please note that the drafts of the summary for policymakers and chapter 1 will be uploaded on 14 May 2018.

This second external review is addressed to governments and interested and qualified experts, including scientists, decision makers, practitioners and other knowledge holders. To ensure the highest scientific quality and policy relevance of the global assessment we are seeking the widest-possible participation from experts from many different disciplines and backgrounds. It would be important, to ensure consistency and continuity with the first external review, that those who participated in the first review also contribute to this second one.

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Thank you again for your participation and assistance in strengthening the IPBES assessments through this external review.

Yours sincerely,



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