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NOTIFICATION

Call for nominations of experts to assist with the scoping of a thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (“the assessment on transformative change”).

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Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

The IPBES Plenary, at its seventh session held in Paris from 29 April to 4 May 2019, adopted “the rolling work programme of IPBES up to 2030” (set out in annex I to decision IPBES-7/1), which includes, under its first objective, **a thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity.**

This assessment is aimed at understanding and identifying factors in human society at both the individual and collective levels, including behavioural, social, cultural, economic, institutional, technical and technological dimensions, that can be leveraged to bring about transformative change for the conservation, restoration and wise use of biodiversity, while taking into account broader social and economic goals in the context of sustainable development. It explores the drivers of and motives behind broad societal changes and transitions to inform the design of relevant policies, communication and engagement campaigns and other actions.

The Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) invites Governments and other stakeholders to nominate relevant experts to assist with the scoping of this assessment.

The scoping process will be conducted in line with the procedures for IPBES deliverables set out in decision IPBES-3/3, annex I (available [here](#)) and based on the initial scoping reports for the assessments set out in section III of appendix II to document IPBES/7/6 (available [here](#)).

Importantly, nominated experts should have expertise in one or more disciplines within natural science, social science or humanities, or in indigenous and local knowledge systems, or be policy experts and practitioners. We strongly encourage nominations to reflect this broad range of expertise and encourage nominations of experts with inter- and multi-disciplinary expertise. We would like to stress that expertise beyond the natural sciences is essential for this assessment.

IPBES is seeking, in particular, experts, practitioners or policy experts with a background and experience in social sciences (e.g. behavioural economics, political ecology, development studies), in socioecological integrative approaches (e.g. global change research), in the humanities (e.g. cultural ecological research), in psychology and behavioral sciences, in biophysical sciences (e.g. conservation biology, ecology, climate science), in applied sciences and technology (e.g. forestry, agro-ecology, conservation agriculture) and environmental management.

All nominated experts (Nominees) need to be available to attend the scoping meeting that is part of the scoping process, tentatively scheduled as follows: 21-24 April 2020.

All Governments and relevant organizations or institutions are encouraged to submit nominations. Organizations or institutions wishing to nominate are not required to have the status of an observer to the Plenary of IPBES to make a nomination. Please help us to disseminate this call for nominations of experts widely.

Please follow this procedure for nomination:

- Nominees are invited to fill out the application form and attach their curriculum vitae, through the dedicated web portal at <https://www.ipbes.net/application-form-experts-assist-scoping-transformative-change-assessment>
(To access this page, you will need to log in with your IPBES web site login credentials or Nominees not yet registered on the IPBES web site will need to do so by clicking on "Create new account".)
Please note that the nomination form is in English only and applications should be submitted in English, as the assessment process will be conducted in English.
- The nominating Government or organization (Nominator) indicated by the Nominee will receive an email with a link to the nomination form and will be invited to approve and submit the nominations in the web portal.
- Nominators and Nominees will receive a confirmation via email once the nomination has been duly submitted.

Interested experts wishing to be nominated by a Government are encouraged to contact their IPBES National Focal Point (<https://www.ipbes.net/national-focal-points>) regarding any country-specific processes or deadlines and are requested to fill out their application form by **15 October 2019**.

Nominators (Governments or organizations) should approve the applications and submit their nominations by **29 October 2019**. Early nominations ahead of the deadline are encouraged.

Please note also the parallel call for nominations of experts to assist with the **scoping of a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health**, available [here](#).

I thank you in advance for your nominations and your continued support to IPBES.



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