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Dear IPBES Members and Observers,
I would like to wish everyone again a Happy New Year.

The objectives of this letter are threefold: 1) to extend the nomination period for members of the review panel to perform the external review of IPBES; 2) to call for nominations for a member of the Committee on Conflict of Interest from the Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG); and 3) to remind everyone of the ongoing call for nominations for members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP). Deadlines for these three calls is 2 February 2018.

1- Members of the review panel to perform the external review of IPBES

IPBES is extending the call for nominations for members of the review panel to perform the external review of IPBES. IPBES Members and Observers from all regions are invited to submit further nominations as the secretariat had by the deadline of 2 January received only a very limited number of nominations. In particular, we are seeking additional nominees from Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. Please refer to my letter dated 7 November 2017 (notification [EM/2017/31](#)) for all necessary background information. Two members from each region will be selected in line with the terms of reference of the review of IPBES (annex to [decision IPBES-5/2](#)) according to the following criteria:

Relevant qualifications to conduct institutional reviews at the global level: IPBES is looking for individuals who have been involved in the review of institutions or large programmes. IPBES is not looking, in this particular case, for expertise in peer reviewing journal articles or drafts of IPBES assessments;

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.

Candidates should fill in the online application form https://www.ipbes.net/eform/submit/applications?field_nomination_call_eva=16069. 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 or organization through the online system. IPBES members and stakeholders are asked to kindly forward the link to the online system to the candidates they would like to nominate.

The Bureau will select the review panel the week of 5 February and selected candidates will be informed the same week.

2- Member from WEOG for the conflict of interest committee

A Committee on Conflicts of Interest was established in 2015, following the third session of the Plenary, in accordance with Rule 10 of the conflict of interest policy set out in annex II to decision IPBES-3/3. IPBES is calling for nominations from IPBES Members for candidates from WEOG to replace the WEOG member, who stepped down from the Committee on Conflicts of Interest. Please see document [IPBES/5/INF/19](#) for information on the work of the Committee. The work of the Committee is performed remotely.

All nominations should be made by filling out the online form https://www.ipbes.net/eform/submit/applications?field_nomination_call_eva=16567. Questions regarding this process can be sent to secretariat@ipbes.net.

3- Members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP)

This is a reminder that the call for nominations for members of the MEP was extended on 15 December 2017, to 2 February 2018 ([EM/2017/35](#)). All nominations should be made by filling out the online form <https://www.ipbes.net/user/login?destination=mepnominationform>. Nominations received are being posted here: <https://www.ipbes.net/nominations/mep-2017>.

Yours sincerely,



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