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Information regarding the seventh session of the IPBES Plenary

Dear IPBES National Focal Points and participants registered for the seventh session of the IPBES Plenary,

We are pleased to announce that working documents are now available as advance versions, on the IPBES website for the upcoming seventh session of the IPBES Plenary that will be held from 28 April to 4 May 2019 in Paris. This includes the summary for policymakers of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services (document IPBES/7/3), and the next work programme of IPBES up to 2030 (document IPBES/7/6). The information documents for the session will follow shortly. The documents can be accessed from the IPBES website at: <https://www.ipbes.net/event/ipbes-7-plenary>. As a reminder, the information note for the session is available at: <https://www.ipbes.net/participants-information-ipbes7>.

The summary for policymakers of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services is only accessible to delegates registered for the seventh session of the Plenary and logged in at the website. Governments are invited to submit final comments on the summary for policymakers using the review template available on the website **by no later than Friday 12 April 2019**. These comments will not be presented to the Plenary, but only shared with the experts of the assessment in preparation for the session. Comments will only be formally taken into account if they are made orally by IPBES Members during the seventh session of the Plenary.

Please note that the content of the summary for policymakers and of the chapters is confidential until approved by Plenary. Therefore, the text cannot be cited, quoted nor distributed. We thank you in advance for adhering to those restrictions.

I would also like to inform you that two members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, namely Ms. Carmen Roldán Chacón (Latin American and Caribbean region) and Ms. Voahangy Raharimalala (African region), have resigned in the beginning of 2019. The regions concerned have been informed and will be invited to each nominate an alternate for selection by the Plenary at its seventh session.

We look forward to seeing you at #IPBES7 in Paris!

Yours sincerely



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