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NOTIFICATION

Opportunity to provide early input to the scoping process of the IPBES nexus and transformative change assessments: Online conferences

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Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

I am pleased to announce that as part of the scoping processes for the thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (“nexus assessment”) and the thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity (“transformative change assessment”) of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), two online conferences will be held. They are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- **30 September - 2 October 2019: Online conference to seek input for the scoping process for the nexus assessment**
- **9 - 11 October 2019: Online conference to seek input for the scoping process for the transformative change assessment**

In decision IPBES-7/1, the Plenary of IPBES adopted the rolling work programme of IPBES up to 2030. Under objective 1 of the 2030 work programme, assessing knowledge, the Plenary included, among other deliverables, the nexus assessment and the transformative change assessment. In the same decision, the Plenary approved scoping processes for these assessments, based on the initial scoping reports for the assessments set out in appendix II to document [IPBES/7/6](#), for consideration by the Plenary at IPBES 8.

The scoping process for each of the two assessments includes an online conference. These online conferences are a novelty to the scoping processes conducted by IPBES and are intended to give Governments and other stakeholders an opportunity to provide early input to the scoping process in order to increase the policy-relevance of the scoping reports.

Each online conference will be held over three days and give an opportunity for participants to provide

input regarding specific themes related to the respective assessment. More information on the online conferences will be made available shortly on the IPBES website. Participation in these online conferences will require participants to be registered users on the IPBES website. Registration for user accounts can be done on <https://www.ipbes.net/user/register>.

The information collected during the online conferences will be provided to the groups of experts assisting with the scoping of the two assessments. In this context, please note that the calls for nominations for these experts are currently open (until 15 October 2019):

- [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 \(nexus assessment\)](#)
- [Call for nominations of experts to assist with the scoping of a thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health \(transformative change assessment\)](#)

Thank you again for your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,



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