

NOTIFICATION

External review of the draft scoping report for the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services and other opportunities to participate in relevant processes under the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to draw the attention of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, and relevant organizations, to a notification issued by the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), regarding the opportunity to participate in the external review of the draft scoping report for the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES notification [EM/2024/28](#)). I encourage all Parties and observers to the Convention and its Protocols to participate in this review, which is open until **25 June 2024**. Experts wishing to participate in the review processes need to first register on the IPBES website: <https://ipbes.net/user/register>, if they have not already done so.

I would also like to draw attention to several additional opportunities to participate in processes under IPBES which are relevant to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols. These include the following:

- Governments, organizations and individuals have been invited to support the uptake and use of the key findings of the Invasive Alien Species Assessment and encouraged to continue undertaking of different capacity-building efforts in support of IPBES. Such activities or developed resources aimed at building capacities relevant to IPBES can be shared through the following portal: <https://www.ipbes.net/support-to-building-capacity-submissions>. All activities submitted by **30 June 2024** will be reported to the IPBES Plenary at its eleventh session in December 2024 ([EM/2023/49](#)).
- A second edition of the survey aimed at better understanding the use of completed IPBES assessments in policymaking at the national and subnational levels is being undertaken. Responses to the survey should be submitted by **8 July 2024** ([EM/2024/29](#)).
- The external review of the IPBES methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment) will take place from **24 July to 17 September 2024** ([EM/2024/24](#)).
- The eleventh session of the IPBES Plenary (IPBES 11) will be held **from 10 to 16 December 2024** in Windhoek, Namibia and will be preceded by regional consultations and a Stakeholder Day on **9 December 2024** ([EM/2024/04](#)).

Considering the relevance of the work of IPBES to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, I encourage all Parties and observers to the Convention and its Protocols to participate in these processes.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) David Cooper
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To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, SBSTTA focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations