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**Notification: External review of the draft scoping report for the IPBES transformative change assessment now live!**

Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

With reference to notification [EM/2020/4](#) (25 February 2020), I am pleased to announce that the draft scoping report for the transformative change assessment (thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity) is open for external review: **3 July 2020 – 28 August 2020 (8 weeks)**.

The aim of this review is to increase the policy relevance of this scoping report by engaging Governments and stakeholders early in the process of defining the policy questions that this assessment will address. Please click [here](#) to register as a reviewer and to access the document together with instructions on how to submit comments.

In order to assist IPBES national focal points with the submission of their review comments, a virtual meeting for national focal points will be held from 6 to 10 July 2020 in the context of the capacity-building work of IPBES. At that meeting, scoping experts will present the draft scoping reports for both assessments, and participants will have the opportunity to interact with them. Information on how to submit comments will be discussed and shared among participants.

I thank you in advance for your participation in the review and your continued support to IPBES.

Yours sincerely,



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